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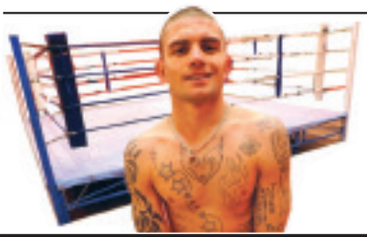

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Heavy readers campaign to save library

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Search for missing man

A SPECIALIST underwater search and recovery team was called out to search for a Great Linford man in the canal at Gifford Park.

Paolo Sicorello, 34, left his home in Church Lees, Great Linford, at 8.30pm on Sunday and went to the Nag's Head pub on the estate. He left at about 9pm and went to The Gifford Park pub where he stayed until about midnight. He has not been seen since.

The team was sent out yesterday and a helicopter was also sent up on Monday afternoon to search for Mr Sicorello, who is white and slim with black hair and brown eyes. He was last seen wearing a short jacket, electric blue hooded jumper, blue jeans and possibly brown boots or trainers.

At the time of MK NEWS going to press, the canal search had stopped and Mr Sicorello had still not been found.

Anyone with information can call police on 0845 8 505 505, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

30-a-day Len wins his cheap fags fight

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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A CHAIN-SMOKER who took on HM Revenue and Customs after it seized his cigerettes has won his legal battle.

Ten months after his story was first published in MK NEWS, Len Penman, 72, from Stantonbury, has been awarded £816 to replace the year's supply of cigerettes that was taken off him in June 2009.

The 30-a-day widower went to Adinkerke in Belgium and bought 3,200 Superking cigarettes, 50 cigarillos and three kilograms of Golden Virginia tobacco – all within the legal importation limits.

But a customs officer at Coquelles accused him of wanting to sell the goods, despite Mr Penman arguing that he was going to smoke them all himself.

Len Penman has got money back from HM Revenue and Customs after they confiscated his belgian bought tobacco

He has since gained support from MP Mark Lancaster and, after challenging the decision in court, has been given his money back.

Mr Penman, who represented himself in court, said: "When the trial was finished, the judge said to me 'Mr Penman, you will be receiving a cheque'. I said well, thank you very much.

"I'm very pleased. I've had so much happen to me over the past few years, but maybe things are on the way up now. Well, I hope so."

MP for Milton Keynes North, Mark Lancaster, said: "When Len first contacted me it seemed ridiculous that someone who had clearly, and quite legally, gone abroad to stock up on cigarettes was being treated in this way. After months of battling on his behalf, my team and I are delighted to see that Len has been reimbursed."

However, the former Wolverton Works vehicle maker added he has not received any money for costs which, he says, include things such as train and taxi fares, letters and phone calls and are in the region of £200.

He added: "I would like to thank Mark Lancaster and his aid Richard Gates and my friends who wrote to them on my behalf. Also, thanks to MK NEWS for printing this story. Without good friends and determination I would not have had my money back.

"I am now seeking my costs but I feel I may not have them paid unless I return to court.

"I have used quite a lot of money to retrieve what I have got and I feel Customs ought to now pay me my costs in this case."

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Gipsy site plan to go up for review

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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COUNCILLORS may have to rethink whether a travellers' site should be built at Fenny Lock.

At a meeting on December 21, members of Milton Keynes Council's cabinet decided to award the contract for the site.

This was despite a cross-party report suggesting the decision was deferred until an investigation had been carried out as to whether the unringfenced, £1.8million assigned for the project could be better spent on social housing.

Since the meeting, three separate parties have 'called in' the decision, meaning the project cannot go ahead until the executive scrutiny panel has considered whether the right decision was made.

If it concludes the cabinet must reconsider, the matter will be referred back to be decided at a later date.

One of those to call in the decision is Conservative opposition leader Cllr Andrew Geary, mainly because he doesn't believe the cabinet gave 'due regard to the findings of the review group'.

He said: "A review group was set up to look at the fact we have this money and what was the best use we could make of it, that it should be used somehow to support the housing needs agenda and not necessarily the traveller community.

The track through wooded area earmarked for a gipsy site at Fenny Lock

"One of the things we've been criticised for is our value for money and we want to have a bit of a value for money exercise. We unanimously came to the conclusion that this doesn't meet value for money where housing is concerned.

"There are people in bed and breakfast accommodation outside of Milton Keynes that need a roof over their head.

"Not one of the applicants is out of a home - it might not be the home they want, but they have a home.

"I feel this is a smack in the face to our policies."

Cllr Geary also stated in his call in that full council endorsed the review group report and in going against its findings the cabinet is going against full council.

Another party to call in the decision is nearby residents, who have submitted a 1,200 name petition in objection.

Resident John Groves said: "There's no valid reason or need to build Fenny Lock [traveller site] that came out from the review group. Since it was proven the money was not ringfenced it is council money, not cabinet money."

The executive scrutiny panel meeting is due to take place on Tuesday.

Staff evacuated in factory blaze

ABOUT 100 workers had to be evacuated yesterday morning after a fire broke out at a Bletchley factory.

Fire crews were called to Broadways Stampings, in Second Avenue on the Denbigh West Industrial Estate, due to a fire in an extraction system.

Station manager Dave Norris, the incident commander, said: "The fire was on the mezzanine floor in a hopper containing metal dust. It started burning through the floor and falling to the floor below and produced a great deal of smoke and flames.

"Our biggest problem was the acetylene and oxygen cylinders which, although not involved in the fire, had to be removed by crew members. Had they had been involved we would have had to impose a 200 metre exclusion zone – which would have meant evacuating Asda. We were able to let staff back in after 90 minutes."

Green light is given for Station Square revamp

STATION Square will be getting a refurbishment with work expected to start in the spring.

Following an extensive consultation period which began in 2006, councillors have given the green light for the large expanse of concrete and car parks outside Central Milton Keynes rail station to be improved.

At a recent cabinet meeting, councillors approved a detailed design subject to a few minor alterations, with work due to begin in April.

The council document states: "As a key gateway into Milton Keynes, Station Square needs to provide a positive statement for both CMK and the Borough.

"Currently, upon exit visitors' first impressions are initially of a cluttered area and then they are confronted with an expansive area with poor signage and a lack of natural guidance to areas outside of the square.

"This scheme aims to address these concerns by minimising conflict, enhancing legibility, promoting multi-model movements and creating an attractive and positive first impression for all visitors, both business and leisure."

Vanessa McPake, the councillor responsible for transport, said the new design would improve the aesthetics of the square and the connectivity between different modes of transport.

She said: "It is a gateway to Milton Keynes. People come here for leisure, shopping and business and we want the area to look as good as possible.

"I'm delighted that so many residents and stakeholder groups have been involved in helping redesign the development.

"It's also about access for all transport users, regardless of whether they are arriving on foot, bicycle, taxi, bus or train."

Power cut blacks out 2,000 homes

A MASSIVE power cut left some homes without electricity for 12 hours at the weekend.

Two hundred homes in North Crawley were left without power from Sunday evening until 10.30am on Monday, after 2,000 homes were initially affected by the cut.

The power was restored after city MP Mark Lancaster's team contacted supplier EON's senior public affairs executive.

The village, which is without gas, relies on fuel such as oil and LPG.

Mr Lancaster, whose constituency is geographically 80 per cent rural, said: "It is bad for rural communities, of which there are many in my constituency, to be cut off for this length of time.

"Many are without gas and have larger elderly populations, so a power cut can be a very serious matter. I am glad my team were able to step in in this instance, but I will be writing to EON to ask why it took so long for power to be restored."

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Emily Malleson with members of the Friends Of Stony Stratford Library and campaigners taking out books

Stony library campaigners max out on books

IF you want to check out a new book this weekend, you'd better hurry.

The Save Stony Stratford Library campaign is ramping up its efforts to make people aware of its potential closure as part of Milton Keynes Council's budget cuts.

As part of a new 'wot no books' campaign, it is asking library members to take out the maximum number of books, 15 per person, in an attempt to demonstrate to the council what it would be like if was empty.

On Saturday, Stony schoolchildren will then be asked to go to the barren library for a photoshoot.

Organiser Emily Malleson, 33, is a member and has young children who use the service and she explained it is vital for Stony residents that the library is saved.

She said: "It's just such a big part of our town, we use it all the time in lots of different ways. It would be a massive hole if we lost it.

"The library doesn't just serve Stony Stratford, but also Fullers Slade, which is one of the most deprived areas in the city."

Although the campaign was due to start today, people have already started taking books out.

Anyone interested in the campaign should go to the Facebook group Save Stony Stratford Library, or reply to the council's current budget consultations.

Armed raids on stores continue

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A SERIES of armed robberies at stores across the city has continued into the new year.

Thames Valley Police (TVP) is now appealing for witnesses after the spate of raids, in which the offenders have threatened store workers with a knife, and on some occasions with what is believed to be a handgun.

The first offence happened at the Post Office store in Bradwell Road, Bradville, on November 18 at about 10pm.

The second was at Tesco Express in Holst Crescent, Old Farm Park, on December 16 at about 10.40pm, while the third was the next day at the General Handy Store in Oldbrook Boulevard, Oldbrook, at 8.50pm.

The fourth was at Handy supermarket in Brookside, Hodge Lea, on Monday, January 3 at about 7.19pm, and the fifth took place at the Londis store in Annesley Road, Newport Pagnell, on Wednesday, January 4 at around 8.30pm.

During the most recent robbery, the cashier was threatened and then locked in the store room of the shop. He was found after members of the public came into the shop and heard banging coming from the store room.

In each incident, a group of between two and five offenders entered the store and threatened the cashiers, stealing cash, cigarettes and alcohol.

The offenders were all black and wearing dark clothing with the bottom half of their faces covered.

Four men were arrested last Friday morning and have been released on bail until next Monday.

DI Neil Dodds, who is leading the investigation, said: "We believe that the offenders are visiting the stores they want to target before the robbery takes place. I would ask members of the public and people working in local stores to report any suspicious behaviour in or around the store to police.

"We would also like to hear from anyone who may have witnessed these crimes or saw the offenders making their getaways."

TVP has also confirmed it is working with Northamptonshire Police to find out whether another robbery at Bridge Stores in Towcester Road, Old Stratford, is connected to these incidents.

Anyone with information about these incidents can visit any police station, contact DS Neil Robinson on 0845 8 505 505 or call the Crimestoppers charity, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Landlord stabbed after intervening in fight

FATAL stab wounds received by a Hanslope landlord were a result of him interfering in an argument between two siblings.

At the opening of an inquest on Friday, it was revealed that Jaime Ball, publican of The Globe, had interfered in an argument between Emma Durantes, Jaime's partner with whom he is believed to have run the pub, and Bernardo Durantes.

Coroner's officer, Melinda Riley, said: "On December 28 a dispute arose between Emma and her brother. Mr Ball intervened and a fight developed between the two men. As a result, Mr Ball sustained knife injuries."

Aylesbury-born Mr Ball had been landlord at the Hanslope pub since September 2009. It is at this address where Emma and Bernardo Durantes also lived.

He was confirmed dead at 11.44am on December 28 at the accident and emergency department of Milton Keynes General.

Mr Durantes, 34, of Hartwell Road, Hanslope, appeared at Luton Crown Court on January 4 and was remanded in custody. He will return to court in February.

The inquest was adjourned. There will be a full inquiry later this year.

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Ditching first past the post voting could be a disaster

SIR – The Liberal Democrat party has started its campaign in Milton Keynes for an alternative system (AV) instead of the current first past the post election method.

The performance of the Lib Dems in the coalition Government with the Conservatives has shown that they have betrayed the voters who supported them.

Nick Clegg signed his party's pledge not to raise the tuition fees and students voted for them in large numbers in university towns. The Lib Dems are forced to change their policy in order to be in a coalition Government with Conservatives who are opposed to most of the Lib Dem policies.

What is the point of parties, or elections, if the MPs behave like 'turncoats' in order to stay in power?

In the case of a one party system, people vote for a party that will represent their own interests.

Germany, Italy and France introduced proportional representation systems and this resulted in the growth of extreme right-wing and left-wing parties in these countries. In a coalition Government the minority parties demand important ministerial posts and the majority party has to dilute its policies in order to accommodate a smaller party's agenda.

Due to the archaic system by which the European elections are conducted, the voters in Britain are provided with a two-page voting slip with a long list of candidates, with preferential choices and parties, and at the end of the election nobody knows who represents what in that area and which parties.

How many people can name their MEPs for Milton Keynes?

In the case of first past the post, people are assured that the Government will function without any interference for four or five years and carry on with their policies. Already there is a lot of difference of opinion in implementing major policies within the two parties in their seven months in power and it is very doubtful whether the coalition Government will carry on for a full term of five years.

It is better to support a system we are used to which works efficiently rather than change into an alternative voting system, leading to disaster.

Arun Vaidyanathan
Sent by e-mail

Diagnostic problem

SIR – Re your recent article MP backs fibromyalgia campaign.

I've had fibromyalgia since I was 30, I am now 63.

In that 33 years I have not been diagnosed.

I have suffered abuse from one doctor who all but called me a liar.

When I was younger I could cope but as I got older things became more difficult workwise until finally I could not go on.

I have had to have aids put in my bathroom to help me in and out of the bath.

I also now have joint problems in my thumbs, knees, shoulders and ankles, yet still doctors sneer as if I am making it all up. I have now given up all hope of being treated with respect.

There surely must be a doctor in MK who understands, but I have yet to find one.

Alan Warner
Sent by e-mail

Bin and gone and done it

SIR – I live in Newton Longville and Aylesbury Vale District Council is responsible for my rubbish collection.

It missed one day before Christmas but the next week it took all of the rubbish and even the recycling stuff.

It had the same weather conditions to contend with as Milton Keynes.

It's just bad management.

Brenda O'Gorman
Sent by e-mail

Pass the parcel

SIR – I have only just read your front page article and can't believe my eyes. Why? Because we've been experiencing the same sort of problems.

These include first-class letters taking nine to ten days to arrive (this included a number of Christmas cards not delivered until well after Christmas) and orders placed with Amazon (delivered by Royal Mail). Three orders that I placed (two of these I paid a premium to receive next day delivery) took ten days to arrive.

There have been deliveries to my house that were for the next door neighbour and house next to them.

Sometimes days go by with no mail at all, then we receive a whole pile.

My daughter attends Moulton College and was waiting for some exam results. Her whole class received theirs before Christmas, but my daughter's arrived in the first week of the new year.

My wife was waiting for an item from Inland Revenue, which arrived on Thursday, January 6 – it had been posted on December 13.

I don't know how Royal Mail can say there is not a problem.

This is just ridiculous.

Dennis Knell
Monkston Park

Doorstep delivery

SIR – With reference to your article relating to the postal service, I can only agree with Pauline Morris (January 6).

For the last six weeks the service has been exceptionally poor. Last week we received two deliveries on Tuesday and Thursday, including several Christmas cards, my wife's birthday cards (her birthday was on December 23) and one first-class letter posted December 19.

The other days of the week I did not see the postman on the estate at all and I am now beginning to wonder if we are getting daily deliveries?

Prior to Christmas and the New Year we had just as many problems, including mail left on the doorstep if it wouldnt fit through the letterbox, missing post and other people's mail. I did make a complaint on the Royal Mail number published and was assured this would not happen again – it did.

The reality is that this is a central switchboard and I really don't think they have any idea of the scale of what is happening in our area. Incidentally, most of the mail is now barcoded as some sort of tracking system has been introduced. I no longer have to sign for recorded delivery which questions the whole integrity of the service.

In 17 years as a resident of MK, I have never known such a poor service.

If there was an alternative I would start using it from tomorrow.

Royal Mail, you have let us all down.

Chris Piggott
Monkston

Missing presents

SIR – I'd like to make you aware of the problems with mail in Downhead Park.

I personally ordered loads of items at the start of December from eBay for Christmas for my two young boys.

One item was sent on December 10 and there is still no sign of it. It seems my letter box mail, ie standard letters, are getting through, but when it comes to packets or small parcels then I've recieved nothing out of at least five items that I've been expecting since early to mid December.

I've tried contacting the Brinklow sorting office but it is an automated service, which basically says they are extremely busy and can't speak to anyone.

I'm deeply annoyed that my children had to go without some of their gifts and I am still waiting for them to turn up.

I work at thecentre:mk and we coped with the weather fantastically, so for Royal Mail to blame that is a complete cop out.

Michael Hamilton
Downhead Park

Redelivery redelivery

SIR – There is certainly nothing regal about Royal Mail services (or rather lack of any) in Middleton.

I moved to the area on Deceber 8 and as I write (January 4) I have received four deliveries.

The bulk delivery I received on December 21 included mail postmarked December 10 (prior to snow and ice).

Furthermore, at the end of a time-consuming, automated call to arrange a redelivery I was informed there was a technical fault and I would be transferred to a human being, so the whole 'questionnaire' had to be repeated.

Name and address supplied

£2million hold-up

SIR – Me and my wife live in Broughton and we are still expecting post from late November. I can understand a backlog but over a month is ridiculous.

I caught up with our local postman and he said they're having to make two deliveries a day because it's so bad at Brinklow sorting office.

Hardly the swift sorting office after £2million of investment.

Most of our neighbours are in the same boat and it's nothing close to a first-class service.

Pigeon or snail would have got my post to me quicker.

James Sandall
Broughton

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Late delivery sees patient miss scan

Letter arrived on afternoon of morning hospital appointment

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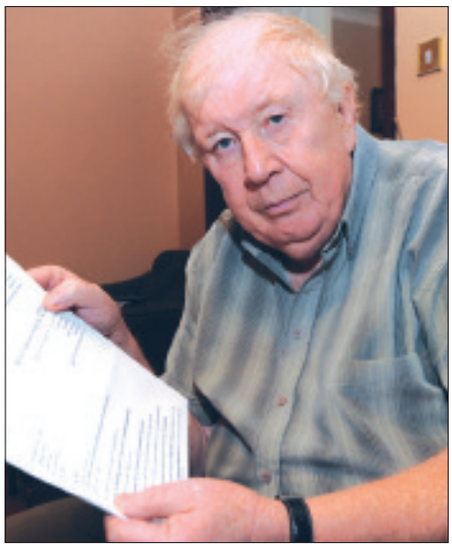

Brian O'Sullivan's letter from MK Hospital confirming his appointment arrived too late – it was posted eight days beforehand

WHEN MK NEWS asked for readers to get in touch about problems with the postal service, residents from across the city told us how delays with their mail have affected them.

Brian O'Sullivan, 63, from Browns Wood, was waiting for a letter from MK Hospital about an appointment for a heart scan.

He said: "I had the letter from the hospital at 3pm on the Tuesday telling me I had the appointment at 10am that day.

"It took eight days to arrive. I've now got to wait until later this month for the appointment.

"My wife is currently in a hospice and some of the letters we're waiting for are quite important and if they don't arrive in time then that's it, we've missed them.

"Whatever you've got could deteriorate quite badly while you're waiting and it's really frightening."

Seven-year-old Charlie Hollinshead, from Bletchley, had no cards for his birthday on January 5 and some of his presents arrived three days late.

Ginny Tait, from Old Farm Park, returned from a shopping trip to find a letter for a neighbour on her drive – she delivered it personally.

She added: "I'd not received my Radio Times for a couple of weeks, then both were delivered at the same time."

Royal Mail has confirmed it is arranging to meet with both city MPs after they got in touch about the problems.

Its regional operations director for the Midlands, Paul Jobling, wrote to MK NEWS, saying: "I am writing to apologise to customers in Milton Keynes who recently experienced disruption to mail deliveries (reported on January 6).

"Our local managers are working hard to address the issue.

"We have recruited over 20 temporary members of staff and have provided additional deliveries to our customers, including last Sunday.

"The operational changes we have made in Milton Keynes are part of the modernisation of Royal Mail. These are vital to safeguard the future of the one-price-goes-anywhere universal service."

Girl sexually assaulted on her way home from school

A 14-YEAR-OLD girl was sexually assaulted on her way home from school.

The teenager was walking along wasteland from the V10 towards Woolstone when a man walked past and grabbed her from behind and sexually assaulted her.

The offender is white, in his early 20s, about 5ft 6ins tall and of average build. He had dark brown stubble on his face and a slight tan. He was wearing a yellow hooded top, a beanie hat, blue jeans and black woollen gloves.

DS Chris Jackson, who is investigating the assault, said: "Obviously this is a concerning incident and we would urge anyone who may have seen the offender or witnessed the incident to contact us. We have increased patrols in the area and our neighbourhood officers are liaising directly with the school. Anyone with information about this should contact the police or Crimestoppers as soon as possible."

Anyone with information about this incident can contact DS Jackson via the 24-hour non-emergency number, 0845 8 505 505, or call Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Making inroads on young unemployed numbers

THE number of unemployed people in the city aged 16 to 18 has dropped by more than half since 2004.

Despite the continued economic downturn, unemployment is currently at 4.6 per cent, according to Connexions:MK, the council's advice and guidance service for young people.

The last year has seen a 22 per cent reduction in the proportion of unemployed young people.

One of the key aims of Connexions nationally is to reduce the proportion of young people not in education, employment or training.

To do this, Connexions:MK organises projects such as 'speed-matching', where young people get to meet with employers, and programmes such as Reaching Out and Wired for Success, which help prepare young people for work or training.

A further recent project, the online Virtual Connexions Centre at www.mysaymk.com, was shortlisted by the national Children and Young People Now Awards in November last year.

Connexions:MK manager Peter Wong said: "This certainly doesn't represent a one-off achievement.

"Last year Milton Keynes was one of only six local authorities in the South East that could report a smaller proportion of 16 to 18-year-olds not in education, employment or training since 2004/5.

"Connexions has a key role in helping young people by ensuring they have all the information and support they need to take decisions about their next steps and we will continue to focus on supporting them to help continue to buck the national trend during these tough economic times."

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Pictured is contractor Ian Wilcox collecting paint samples from the 200-year-old Iron Trunk aqueduct which carries the Grand Union Canal over the Great Ouse near Wolverton

Paint job for the old Iron Trunk aqueduct

STANDING over the Great Ouse for 200 years, the Iron Trunk aqueduct will soon be getting a well-deserved lick of paint.

To celebrate the bicentenary of the aqueduct, which carries the Grand Union Canal across the river on its route between Milton Keynes and Cosgrove, British Waterways (BW) yesterday started a £300,000, year-long programme of improvement works to bring this feat of Georgian engineering back to its former glory.

The Iron Trunk Aqueduct is a popular landmark with boaters and visitors to the waterway, and BW will be giving the important historic structure a much-needed refurbishment, including repainting.

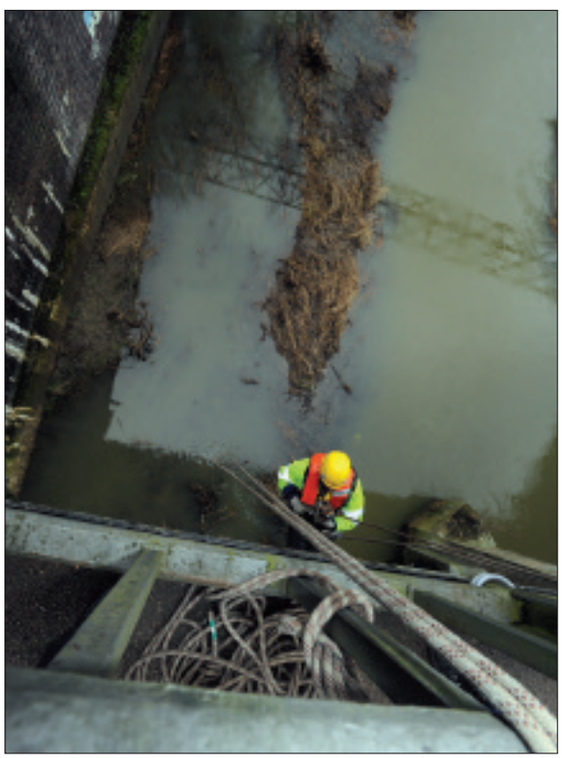
Before the repainting can start, BW needs to establish the original paint specification, including the colour scheme, when it officially opened on January 21, 1811, so yesterday contractors abseiled from the top of the 40ft-high aqueduct to take paint samples from various sections.

Once the original colour and composition of the paint has been scientifically analysed, the repainting will take place later in the year.

BW's regeneration manager James Clifton said: "It's great that we have the opportunity to refurbish this wonderful aqueduct to mark this very special birthday.

"It is of great historic significance, so we are analysing the paint to be absolutely certain we are using the right colours in the right places.

"As well as repainting and repairing sections of the aqueduct, BW is planning to involve local schools and organisations in research for new information panels, giving visitors and boaters an insight into the aqueduct's history, and also use existing footpaths to create 'waterway walks',



which incorporate the canal and this magnificent structure."

The aqueduct's regeneration will mean it needs to be 'dewatered' for repairs, which involves first slotting stop planks into grooves at various points along the canal, before pulling three plugs out of the aquaduct and allowing the water to fall into the river below.

Since it was built, there have only been two previous occasions when it was dewatered for repairs – the first in 1921, and again in 1986.

Designed and built by canal engineer Benjamin Beavan, the current 31-metre cast iron structure replaces a previous brick-built aqueduct, which collapsed in 1808.

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Childbase's Alison Goodrum, team leader at Highbury Lodge Nursery, Clair Drury, training co-ordinator, Russell Beadle, internal auditor, and Lynda Gostelow, operations director, in the company's Dragon's Den

Staff 'pitch' for personal cash in company's own Dragons' Den

AN innovative scheme has been set up by a childcare company to enhance professional development and personal experiences for its employees.

Newport Pagnell-based Childcare created its very own Dragons' Den to encourage staff to come forward and 'pitch' for a sum of money to pursue their individual goals.

In total, 41 staff applied to go into the den, 21 were selected to pitch and 17 were awarded between £150 and £2,000 each, out of a total of £5,000.

The pitches ranged from requests for money to buy a bee hive, learning Makaton sign language and hypnotherapy to give up smoking.

Clair Drury, a Dragon and the company's training and educational co-ordinator, said: "The Dragons' Den really caught everyone's imagination, and the buzz around the nurseries in the lead up to the event was amazing.

"As a Dragon I was in the privileged position of listening to all the pitches and then making a decision as to whether to invest or not. Some of the presentations really tugged at the heart strings and of course you want to be able to make everyone's dreams come true, but sometimes we had to say those dreaded words 'and for this reason I'm out'.

"We feel it is important to support our staff and give them opportunities they may otherwise never have. We see it as a thank you for all the hard work and dedication they show to their jobs."

Wendy Morris was awarded £549 to buy a bee hive.

She said: "Entering the den was a really nerve-racking experience and I can sympathise with the people who have presented in front of the likes of Peter Jones or Duncan Bannatyne.

"Being awarded the money to buy a bee hive meant such a lot to me. The bee population is declining and the ecosystem relies on honey bee pollination, so it's something that I feel strongly about."

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Rupert Mackenzie Hill, boss of Kiss Gyms, at the new facility

A NEW 24-hour gym opens its doors today.

The Kiss Gyms flagship site in Knowlhill will be open seven days a week and customers will be able to let themselves in at any time with a PIN code.

Rupert Mackenzie Hill, managing director, said: "One of the key problems that many face when embarking on a fitness regime is how to fit their gym schedule into an already hectic work and family life.

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The new site is the first in a series of 'high spec, low cost' gyms being rolled out across the UK.

The Milton Keynes site has equipment including cardio machines such as treadmills, bikes and cross trainers and resistance machines, as well as a separate free weights area.

■ For more information, visit www.kissgyms.com, call 0845 644 2318, or e-mail mk@kissgyms.co.uk.

Swine flu vaccine released as seasonal jab stocks run low

SWINE flu vaccines are now available throughout the city thanks to changes made by the Department of Health.

Surgeries which were previously running low on seasonal flu vaccine (which also fights the H1N1 swine flu virus) have been told by the department that they may now use the swine flu vaccine issued last year.

A NHS spokesman said: "Practices worked between themselves to ensure that they had an adequate supply. However, since the Department of Health announced that we are now allowed to use last year's H1N1 vaccine – which practices already had in stock – and seasonal flu vaccine, manufacturers have announced that practices can put in orders again, this will address any supply problems.

"We strongly encourage everyone in the at-risk group to have a seasonal flu vaccination.

"Everyone aged 65 and over is routinely offered the vaccine, as are younger people with long-term conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, multiple sclerosis and serious kidney and liver disease. This year, for the first time, all pregnant women are also being offered the vaccine."

News of the change comes as the South Central Strategic Health Authority reported 35 patients with flu-like symptoms are occupying critical care beds in the region.

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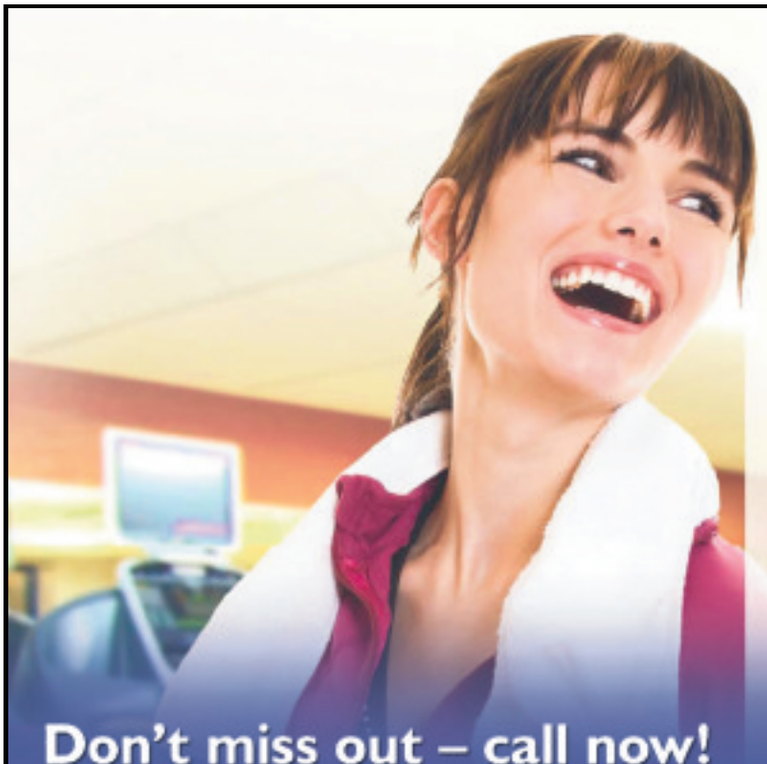

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Weekly news mag was ten days late

SIR – I write in reference to your front page article on January 6, regarding problems with the Brinklow sorting office.

We live in Walnut Tree and we, too, have been experiencing problems and monitoring our mail.

Our problems started at the end of October when a weekly magazine (called This Week) received consistently on Fridays, began arriving on Saturday, then on week two on the following Tuesday, week three on the following Wednesday and week four a whole ten days late (by then it may as well have been called Old News).

At the same time our post, which used to be delivered early in the morning, was being delivered sometimes in the afternoon, then only a few times a week.

There are four of us in this house and my husband receives all his business letters and invoices here so there is never a shortage of letters.

In early December things got worse as two parcels went missing.

One was from Amazon Prime (next day delivery) and was eventually delivered two weeks late.

We started to join a number of people going daily to the Brinklow office to collect their mail.

Eventually on December 20, we were told that no more post would be delivered before Christmas as the management had decided to concentrate on parcels only.

According to a member of staff, things were so bad in the sorting office that the racks containing letters to be sorted could not be accessed.

One of the rare letters we were given on December 29 was from Natwest Bank and dated November 15.

I am surprised about the claim that 'things are back to normal'.

So far this week we have had no post on Tuesday or Thursday.

Our postman says he is doing his best in the circumstances but we feel let down.

Name and address supplied

Written response

SIR – We moved house on December 1 and paid for mail redirection (£26) for six months. We moved from Monkston Park.

Since then, we have had only one package of redirected mail (in six weeks) and despite phone calls to the 0845 number nothing is getting through.

Numerous Christmas cards have been sent but not received (we phoned the senders) and many letters (banks, etc) and magazine subscriptions have not yet appeared.

The 0845 number is a call centre and needs considerable patience both in waiting for a reply and not losing one's temper with the ridiculous excuses they come up with.

We have been promised a written response (that's a laugh will it actually get delivered?)

Robert Barnes
Newton Longville

Post has got worse

SIR – I have also been having problems since mid November.

My sister sent me a letter (first class) on November 17 telling me she would be coming to stay on the 21st – the letter arrived on the 24th. Since then it has got even worse.

On January 6 I received a Christmas card, again first class, posted on December 20. I have kept all the envelopes to prove it. When will this get better?

Oongh Kearney
Sent by e-mail

Missed birthday

SIR – I too have been experiencing problems with the postal service, the worst being I posted my granddaughter's birthday card first class on December 27 for her birthday on December 29 and she received it on January 5, and she only lives in Bicester.

She was most upset.

Pam Abbott
Oxley Park

Tattooed tiler trains for charity cage fight

TATTOOED across his back is the slogan 'those who live are those who fight'.

Hoping to practice what he preaches, self-employed tiler Mark Escott is now in training for the fight of his life.

By the end of the year, 26-year-old Mark, from Stantonbury, hopes to raise money for Meningitis UK by competing in his first cage fight.

He said: "My brother Scott died at 18 months old from meningococcal septicaemia and my other brother Dean had it too.

"I've got this slogan tattooed on my back, and through meningitis you have to fight, so I'm fighting for people to take notice.

"Cage fighting is up-and-coming and it's a tough challenge, with a year to train. It's a bit extreme and will get attention."

The sport is mixed martial arts, meaning there is no particular style that competitors must use.

Mark has previously done Thai boxing but has a long way to go before he can enter a cage, so has enlisted the help of karate black belt Keith Gray to train him.

Keith said: "I don't usually do this kind of thing, but he's had family die from meningitis and he's got a real spark in his eye."

Mark Escott (right) training with karate black belt Keith Gray

Mark has already started training and hopes to raise awareness and support through social media by writing blogs and using Facebook.

Mark added: "I'm going to do a few publicity stunts throughout the year, then hopefully in December we'll put on a big show."

■ Anyone who would like more information can call Mark on 07919 925593.

Construction students attend on-site classes

MILTON Keynes College construction students are building up their knowledge with some hands-on work experience on the site of a £6.1million redevelopment project.

The former Sir Frank Markham Cottesloe School, next to MK College's Chaffron Way campus, is being transformed into a superbly-equipped technical learning centre for the city.

It will be used to teach engineering, construction, manufacturing and public services students from the college.

Six students taking their diploma in construction and the built environment have recently been shadowing the site architect, mechanical and electrical consultant, structural engineer and quantity surveyor, to learn first-hand how a team of professionals work together on a large project.

They also spent time working alongside the on-site Ashe Construction team.

Ashe's project manager Danny Roberts said: "The students spent time with each of the consultants learning the technical aspects of their profession. By shadowing the professionals the students have gained an understanding of the fundamental roles of each discipline and the way the roles interconnect."

MK College construction students Mudhasar Khan (left) and Sasha Ansarian with Ashe's project manager Danny Roberts

He added: "But it wasn't just learning by listening – we've had the students doing their own site survey, checking the quality of the finishes and measuring the dimensions of the building and how it relates to the architects' drawings."

Student Mudhasar Khan, aged 18, said: "Up until now all of our experience has been based on theory so it has been invaluable to be given the opportunity to gain first-hand experience on a fully operational construction project. Our time on site and with the project team professionals has really opened our eyes to the variety and complexity of the construction industry."

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Clear out and recycle for the New Year

IT'S that time when we all say 'out with the old and in with the new' - a great time for having a good clear out, but remember make sure you're recycling as much as you can.

In Milton Keynes recycling is so easy, it all goes in the pink sack.

That is, of course, except for glass which goes in your blue box and food and garden waste in the green bin.

Now the Christmas decorations are down you can recycle your cards in your pink sack, or you could take them to M&S or TK Maxx who are supporting The Woodland Trust in its bid to double the number of native tress across the UK.

This scheme, which has been running for 14 years, finishes at the end of January and The Woodland Trust is hoping to reach its goal of planting 12,000 tress this year, which will bring the total to over 200,000.

If you still have a Christmas tree to get rid of, don't forget you can put it out with your green food and garden waste bin and Milton Keynes Council (MKC) will take it away to be composted.

While you're filling your pink sacks with recycling, did you know you can now put in clean plastic food packaging, waxed food and drink cartons and aerosol cans.

Here's a reminder of what goes in your pink sack:

- Paper and cardboard
- Envelopes without windows
- Plastic bottles
- Aluminium and steel cans
- Aluminium foil (clean)
- Aerosol cans (lid removed)
- Plastic food packaging (clean)
- Waxed food and drink cartons (please rinse)

If you don't have a blue box for recycling glass bottles and jars you can get one free of charge by emailing recycling@milton-keynes.gov.uk, or visit MKC's website at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/bluebox or call The Environmental Services Contact Centre on 01908 252570.

Take your Christmas cards to TK Maxx or M&S to support The Woodland Trust.

You can put your Christmas tree out with your green bin and MKC will collect it – make sure you've removed all the decorations.

Sign up for MKC's free text and e-mail alerts

More bad weather could be on the way that may disrupt your refuse and recycling collections as icy conditions make it dangerous for a 24 tonne vehicle to get down some narrow roads safely.

Why not sign up for MKC's free text and email alert service and it will keep you informed.

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Tetrapak - Waxed Cartons

- Orange Juice cartons
- Fresh Soup and Smoothie containers

Aerosols

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FOCUS ON FRANCHISING

Start your own business at Stadium MK next Saturday...

Open 9.30am – 4.00pm Saturday 22nd January 2011

It's not often in this current era of job cutbacks and general business belt tightening that you'll see an exhibition where companies are clamouring for new workers. But that's exactly what will be happening on Saturday January 22nd which sees MK Dons' Stadium MK host the MK M1 Franchise Show.

The event taps into the increasing imagination Joe Public are showing for career moves. No longer is it a case of just browsing the job pages hoping to see a great job on offer. Many jobseekers now look to create our own career by setting up our own company.

But the tricky bit is actually starting the business. Especially in times when banks are reluctant to loan and the consumer cutting back on spending. So that's where franchising comes in.

Franchising is the half way house of running your own show and considered by many a safer way to start your own business. Franchises are tested, and "live", and thriving in other cities meaning visitors can be reassured that the business plan that the franchises describe is not just theoretical.

You buy into a recognised brand, buy into a support team and - most importantly – you buy into a ready-made, proven, step by step guide on how to set up that particular business.

The franchise owner has done the trailblazing for you, and you can follow in the slipstream.

The bad bit? The franchised owner wants you to pay them for doing all that blazing of trails.

The good bit? The High Street Banks will probably back you – even in these strict lending times.

Show organiser Mark Monument says: "The main ingredient needed to buy a franchise is effort and enthusiasm…the banks are very supportive with finance for franchising as they feel all the concepts are well tested and proven. The banks have researched an 80% success rate for franchises – and some even have specialist franchise teams to provide funding. So if the exhibition visitor finds a concept they like and sticks to the plan of how to run that particular company, then it really is a viable way to carve out a new long term career"

The exhibition features a wide array of franchised business opportunities. There should be something for everyone – regardless of career history, skills and hobbies.

How about setting up a Kids' Music & Party club? Or a Chimney Sweep business? Sports & Fitness Training? Eco & Solar Power Panel Company? Nursing care for the elderly? These concepts are all franchised businesses on show at the show...plus there'll be 30 other diverse franchise themes to browse too and several drop-in seminars to sit in on.

The show is open between 9.30am and 4.00pm on Saturday 22nd January. Enter through the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel entrance at the Stadium. Free entry. Free car parking. Just turn up on the day.

So the message from the organisers is "Stop looking for a new job in 2011 – and start running your own business!"

Further details can seen on the show website www.mkfranchiseshow.co.uk

Mums Mean Business! – Free Franchise Seminar

Entrepreneurial mums are being invited to a free morning seminar – Mums Mean Business - next Saturday (22nd January) at 10.30am at MK Don's Stadium MK.

The event features franchises and business opportunities which are particularly suitable for busy mums who have ever fancied running their own business – but also need part time or flexible working hours.

Event organiser Louise Remfry explains that the thirst for self employment is as high as ever.

"We have run the mum's seminar in thirteen other cities and it has become a real feature of our franchise roadshows.

The interest for flexible working and supplementary income with the capacity to fit around school hours and/or school holidays seems to capture the imagination.

The speakers will present around five different fun, funky, "mum friendly" business opportunities and some have brought along an existing franchisee to discuss with visitors how they have found the challenge of juggling self employed work and family life.

The seminar is one of several free workshops at the MK M1 Franchise Show. The Mum's event is the first of five talks at 10.30am. It's free to enter. Kids are welcome and there's a cafe area too. Further details can be seen online: www.mkfranchiseshow.co.uk

Redundancy was the start of running my own business …

Tony Whiles visited a Franchise Exhibition in 2009 having just been being made redundant from his sales manager role.

Tony came along to the show just to browse and get some ideas – and two months later had set up his own caravan bodywork repair business with Buckinghamshire based Caravan Medic.

Nearly one year in, business is going well.

Tony undertook training at Caravan Medics' head office in Leighton Buzzard. He was given full product training, marketing ideas & tools to launch his business and find local users for his service.

"I'd fully recommend franchising as a means of running your own business. There's always a helping hand available – a bit like having a permanent business mentor to see you through the early days – and I can't recommend self employment enough. I didn't think it at the time, but redundancy couldn't have fallen any kinder for me and has opened the doors a great new career"

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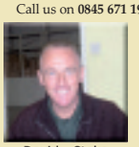
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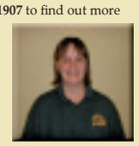
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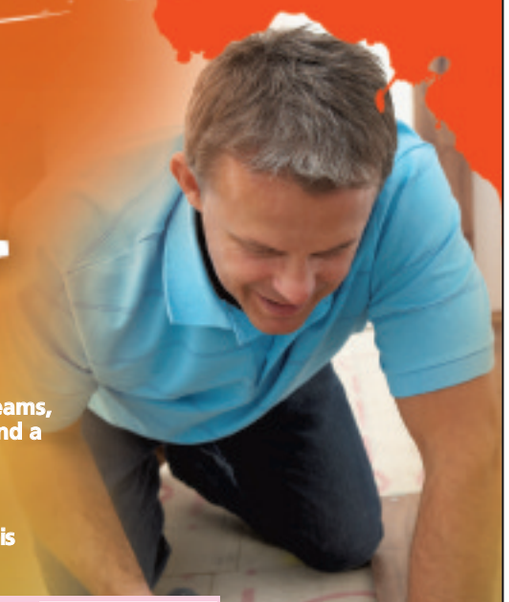

If you are thinking of moving but have negative equity or can't afford the home of your dreams, an alternative is to make the best of what you have. A new sofa, chair, throw or cushions and a lick of paint will freshen up any room. Replacing old fashioned fixtures and furnishings or renewing your windows & doors is an excellent way of re-vamping your current home.

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xxx

50th Birthday

JULIE DAWN
14th January
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Katie, Alex, family and friends

COUSINS
ZARA SMYTH & SAMMIE COLLINGS
Happy 21st Birthday on 3rd January

Love from all the family xx

JEM
Happy 40th Birthday Daddy.
On the 14th January.
Love you from Rebecca, Georgia and Susanna xx

JEM GRIBBLE

Happy 40th Birthday on Jan 14th
'Still Gorgeous'
Love Mum
xx

MILLER WOSKETT
Happy 13th Birthday

Lots of love from Mum, Dad, PJ and Ruby
xx

GEORGIA COLES
Happy 18th Birthday
22nd December

Have a lovely day and party.
Lots of love Mum, Dad, Christopher and all the family xxx

FABIO PERCHINELLI

Happy 1st Birthday
Love
Mummy, Daddy, Giuseppe & families

FRANK
Happy 50th Birthday

Hope you enjoyed your party.
Lots of love Rachael, Daniella, Luca, Sofia and all your family

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Engagements

FAYE POINTON & DARREN ASHPOLE
Congratulations on your engagement on New Year's Eve
Love & best wishes from both Families.

SUZANNE LARKIN & JEFF LONG
Congratulations on your engagement on Christmas Day.
All our love and best wishes,
From both families
xx

In Memoriam

CHRISTINE GARNER
14.12.1938 - 06.01.10
'Mum & Nan'
A silent thought,
a secret tear,
Keeps your memory
ever dear,
God took you home, it
was his will,
But in our hearts
you live still.
Love always Ann & Billy William xx

EVIE GRACE STRINGER
10th January 2009
You went to play with the angels,
in the land up way above.
We keep your special memories
and treasure them with love.
Love Mummy, Daddy, Eleanor, Harry, Nannys and Grandads x

CHRISSIE GARNER
14th December 1938 - 6th January 2010.
'Memories of a loving Mum'
A special smile, a special face, a special mum we can't replace, you gave your love, your whole life through. God bless you Mum, We love you too
In our hearts forever
Love Dee Dee and Claire xxx

CHRIS KELLY

Treasured memories of a wonderful son and brother who passed away on the 9th January 2009.
No one knows the pain we bear,
When we all meet and you're
not there,
We talk, we laugh, we play
our part,
But behind it all lies broken hearts.
Remembering you with fondest memories
and love on this 2nd Anniversary
Thinking of you always Mum,
Brothers & Sisters

RINA WILLIAMS
6th January 2010
Our darling Mum.
A year has passed since you left so suddenly with no time for us to say goodbye.
We love and miss you so much.
Rita & Lalla

PATRICK O DONNELL
Dad
Miss you.
Always in our thoughts.
Never forgotten.
Michael and Anna.

ALAN WHITE
9th January 1999
Forever in our thoughts.
All our love
Sheila, Gary, David and Families xxxx

JANET KNUTTLE
4th January 2008
If tears, heartache and longing, could make dreams come true,
Right now you would be in our arms, just where we long you to be.
Miss you so much.
Angela, Mick, Kirstie, Ella and belated husband John

In Loving Memory
ANTONIETTA AUSTIN
17th December 2009
A year has passed and the pain of losing you still here.
We hold a million memories and shed a million tears
Sempre nei nostri cuori
Love from all the family xxx

RITA WOODS
12th January 2010
Together in the same old way,
Would be our dearest wish today.
One year has gone and we miss you so much Mum.
Love
Sylvia, Yvonne, Roy & families
xxx

GWEN MAKEHAM
10th January 2001
Ten years have passed.
We miss you each and every day and always will.
Love Sam, Lynne, Russell, Alison, Lisa, Trevor, Kevin Aaron & Holly

TOPPLE. Treasured memories of my dear wife Audrey, died 13th January 2010. Devoted wife of Alan, loving sister of Sheila, Sister-in-law of Ann and a much loved aunt. Loves last gift, Remembrance

TOTTEN Bridget. Passed away 12th Jan 1992. Remembered and loved. Kerry and Pauline.

BURNAGE Rosemary. 17.10.1934 - 3.1.2009. We miss you in so many ways. We miss the things you used to say. And when old times we do recall. Its then we miss you most of all. Love always. Arthur and all your Family xxxx

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ARE you aged 13-19 and passionate about representing the views of other young people in Milton Keynes?

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Supported by MKC's integrated youth support services, 24 young people from across the city have been working as the Youth Cabinet, to give a voice to all young people in Milton Keynes and support decision makers to make the lives of young people better.

The current Youth Cabinet completes its term of office on March 31 and Milton Keynes-wide elections for 24 new members are being held from February 7 to March 4.

Candidates will stand for election in the north, south or central areas and those with the most votes in each will be elected to the Youth Cabinet.

There are also a number of co-opted positions available to represent vulnerable groups, such as young people with disabilities or in care.

You don't need to have any special skills or qualifications to put yourself forward. You can also nominate yourself for the UK Youth Parliament (UKYP), which is made up of 500 young people from across the UK, representing young people nationally about issues affecting them.

The current MK Youth Cabinet: From left, Vanessa Tarrier, Alex Price, Chelsea Kirk, Sean Barnes, Sally Nunekpeku, Franceska Curtis, Matthew Mills, Jessica Hill, Katie Cooper and Graham Findlay

The UKYP is currently running national campaigns on sex and relationships education, concessionary travel and university fees, to make real social change.

Milton Keynes has opportunities for four Youth Parliament representatives, with two Members of Youth Parliament (MYP) and two Deputy Members of Youth Parliament (DMYP).

The four young people with the most votes will be elected and, with the support of MKC's children and young people services, will represent some 20,000 young people in Milton Keynes at south east and national meetings.

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■ For further information and to complete a nomination form, go to www.mysaymk.com. Nominations must be in by Wednesday, January 19.

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Piloting in Springfield for children at Orchard School, the junior group will produce a monthly newsletter for the main neighbourhood group with photos and updates.

The brainchild of council neighbourhood warden Robert Harriman, the group has been set up after close work between Campbell Park parish wardens like John McClinton, PCSOs and police officers.

Mr Harriman said: "The children enjoyed their first patrol and can't wait to see the improvements on the next walk about. They enjoy meeting up and talking about local issues – it's great to see children taking an interest in what's going on, it stands them in good stead for when they get older to respect things around them. Community engagement is key in a neighbourhood warden's role and I'm looking at rolling this out across Milton Keynes in the coming year."

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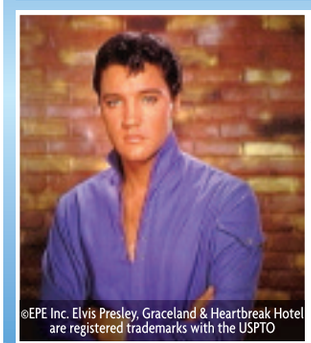

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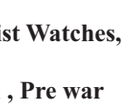

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The first Spy Camp will take place at the theme park on October 8 this year, offering eight to 16-year-olds a chance to emulate their movie heroes by taking part in a spy-themed adventure.

The camp is being organised by the company Spy Games, which has been running spy-themed activities and events for children and adults all over the country and overseas since 2001.

Spy Games has featured on Blue Peter and The Gadget Show and organised corporate events for companies such as Xbox, Coca Cola and Sony.

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Charity donation marks company's 100th store opening

A COMPANY has donated £100 to Willen Hospice to mark the opening of its 100th superstore.

The donation made by Dunelm Mill, at Winterhill, is part of a nationwide campaign giving away £11,000 to charities throughout the country to celebrate the companies new store in Liverpool.

Store manager, Gary Furness, said: "The 100th superstore was a big milestone for Dunelm Mill and it's great to be included in the celebrations.

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Council considers homeless shelter

Winter sanctuary on the agenda at city seminar on rough sleepers

HOMELESS people will be the focus of a special seminar later this year.

Through the cold snap, beggars and people sleeping rough were spoken to by council and police officers to try to find them emergency shelter during the extreme weather.

Over Christmas, a police officer and a link worker from Milton Keynes Council (MKC) went out on the streets of the city to encourage the homeless to seek advice from the council's housing options team.

In Milton Keynes there are a small number of people sleeping rough and the prolonged sub-zero temperatures prompted the council and police to step up their efforts to help the homeless.

Now, MKC hopes to tackle this ongoing problem at a rough sleepers seminar, due to be held in March.

Issues to be considered will include whether a winter night shelter could be set up in Milton Keynes.

Diane Jeavons, strategic partnership manager for housing at MKC, said: "We are aware that there are around ten people identified by the police as sleeping rough in the borough, some with complex needs."

The council says it is concerned about the health of people sleeping rough during cold weather.

Cllr Chris Williams, responsible for housing, said: "MKC, along with its partners, is determined to provide as much help and assistance that we possibly can during this winter period.

"Being homeless at any time is something that MKC is taking the lead in trying to prevent. In a few weeks time, a seminar will look at better ways we can help those who are homeless and help prevent others from becoming homeless."

Young player airlifted to hospital after rugby injury

A FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD boy had to be airlifted to hospital when he suffered a head injury playing rugby.

Anglia Two, the air ambulance serving Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire, was called to help the boy at Stanbridge Rugby Club in Leighton Buzzard on Sunday morning.

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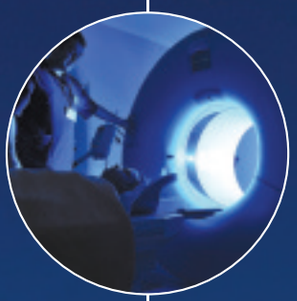

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Elizabeth Hamilton and her Red Hat Society ladies at the annual Golden Wonders awards

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The winners of this year's awards included Time for You and its members Sue Gibbs, Frances Kirkum, Thelma Warner and Vicky Govier.

Time for You meets on Tuesday mornings at The Frank Moran Centre while Whaddon Way Church is being rebuilt, and although not specifically for older people, the majority of its members are in their 70s and 80s.

Thelma produces lunches and refreshments for the group, and Sue and Frances organise a varied programme including trips out. Everyone's birthday is remembered with a small gift and card, often painted by Vicky.

They won £500 for a stained glass window in the new Whaddon Way Church.

Also a winner was the Red Hat Society, which won £500 to spend on a summer garden party in Milton Keynes for ladies over 50.

Elizabeth Hamilton, also known as Lady Luscious Liz, has worked to foster and promote the Red Hat Society, an international group which aims to give an arena for fun, frivolity and friendship.

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Drink driver four times above limit

THE motorist with the highest alcohol reading in Thames Valley Police's Christmas drink-driving crackdown was stopped by officers in Milton Keynes.

The 50-year-old was recorded as having 157 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath, more than four times the legal limit of 35.

Roy Norris, of Marsh Drive, Great Linford, appeared before Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court on December 30 and was sentenced to 16 weeks in prison and disqualified from driving for three years.

Thames Valley Police reported an overall increase in drink-driving offences during 'Operation Tipple' - from 257 in December 2009 to 261 last month - but MK has bucked the trend.

The number in the city dropped from 35 in December 2009 to 28. Twenty-four were men and four were women, the majority of whom were aged from 26-30.

River bank and canalside dwellers uged to help with flood defences

PEOPLE living by river banks and canals are being ask to help reduce the risk of flooding.

The new European Water Framework directive outlines how Governments should put in place strategic flood plans. These plans mean everyone in the community has a role to play, including those who own properties near rivers and canals. Some of their responsibilities include maintaining river beds and banks and keeping them clear of debris.

Better flood risk management means changes to waterways are increasingly falling under local authority planning control.

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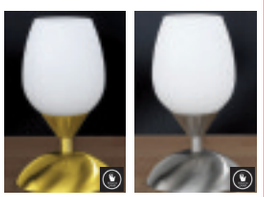

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Budget Consultation 2011/12

This year has seen many financial pressures for Central Government, Local Authorities and the business and voluntary sectors. These pressures will continue as Central Government looks to save £115 billion.

Milton Keynes Council has a net budget of around £200 million per year and directly employs 2,500 staff. The Council is faced with a substantial reduction in funding from Central Government and increasing demand for some services, particularly in social care. As a result the Council must save more than £26 million in 2011/12 with an additional cumulative savings target of £30 million during the three years from 2010/2013.

Each year decisions have to be made about how the Council will spend its limited budget. Whilst seeking to protect essential services for the community, the Council continues to look at the services it delivers and the way they are delivered to ensure that it provides you with value for money.

Council spending covers everything from schools, early years centres, maintaining roads and pavements, and running children's homes, to providing home and residential care for the old and vulnerable, supporting people with mental health problems, maintaining parks and playgrounds, protecting public health and much more. We are committed to minimising the impact on the most vulnerable groups and individuals.

In light of the budget restrictions outlined by the Government in October, it is critical that we work together to make the right choices about how we use the money we have.

We've already started saving money

- The Council is reviewing current ways of working to deliver value for money. Changes will include restructures and service redesign, and increases in charges.
- We asked you for suggestions for efficiencies and more than 200 of these are being reviewed and implemented where appropriate.
- The Council's buying activity, previously outsourced, has been brought back in house with a target to achieve more than £2 million of procurement savings over the next three years.

Council Tax Levels

The Council's revenue budget (which funds the day to day activities of the Council) is part funded by Council Tax with the remainder being received from Government grants, business rates and fees and charges. The Council could choose to put up Council Tax to help meet its funding challenges, however the Government has identified funding of £2.3m for the next 4 years to encourage local authorities to implement a Council Tax freeze in 2011/12. If the Council chose to put up Council Tax it would lose this Government money, so any increase would need to be at least 2.5% or higher (equivalent to at least £28 on a Band D property) to provide more money than would be lost. We are therefore proposing to take the money offered by Government, which would mean that the Council Tax demand from Milton Keynes Council will not increase next year.

Please note: Parishes and other precepting bodies may still choose to put up their elements of the Council Tax, which may result in some overall increase to your bill, even if Milton Keynes Council does not increase its component.

How you can get involved

We have listened to you via surveys, user groups and your direct comments about how you think our services are performing. As a result of a substantial reduction in funding from Central Government, an increasing demand for some services and even after taking into account the savings already being made, there will still need to be:

- Increased charges for some services
- Changes in the regularity and level of service provision
- A reduction in grants to voluntary and community organisations
- Some services being stopped altogether

Further information is available explaining these proposals in detail. This information may be found in the Civic Offices, Saxon Court, public libraries, on our website or by contacting us (details below).

Please tell us what you think about the Council's budget proposals and any way you think the Council can go further to increase efficiency savings.

To take part in this consultation, please fill in the attached questionnaire and return it to the address below no later than 4 February, 2011.

Alternatively you can:

- Go to our website: **www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/budget-consultation**
- Send an email to: **budget@milton-keynes.gov.uk**
- Call us on 01908 252696
- Write to us at: **Budget 2011, Freepost ANG7122, Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes MK9 3HG**
- Come to one of the Committee meetings that will be discussing the budget - some meetings look at particular services. These will be held at the Council's Civic Offices on the dates below

Budget Review Challenge

- Environment 10 January 2011, 7.00pm
- Children & Young People 17 January 2011, 6.00pm
- Strategy & Partnerships and Finance & Risk Management 19 January 2011, 6.30pm
- Community Wellbeing 24 January 2011, 5.30pm
- **Cabinet meeting** 15 February 2011, 7.00pm
- **Council meeting** 22 February 2011, 7.30pm

MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL

Questionnaire

Budget proposals

Even after taking into account the savings already being made the Council is considering proposals to:

- Increase charges for some services
- Change the regularity and level of service provision
- Reduce grants to voluntary and community organisations
- Stop some services altogether.

Further information is available explaining these proposals in more detail. This information may be found in the Civic Offices, Saxon Court, public libraries, on our website or by contacting us (details above).

Your comments

The proposals presented for consultation would achieve a balanced budget. The Council's budget is a fixed amount, so any increase in spending over and above the draft budget proposals could only be funded by an increase in Council Tax or further spending cuts.

1. Thinking about the current financial pressures and the needs of Milton Keynes as a whole, do you agree or disagree with the budget proposals put forward? Please state your reasons, referring to specific proposals wherever possible.

2. When you think about the services the Council delivers, do you think there are any additional savings we can make?

About You

To ensure that we are meeting the needs of all residents it is important that we ask you a few questions about yourself. The information will be used to provide summary analyses only so it will not be possible to identify individual responses. The information you provide will be treated anonymously.

Age *(please tick one box)*

Under 25 ☐ 25-44 ☐ 45-59 ☐ 60-74 ☐ 75 years and over ☐

Gender *(please tick one box)*

Male ☐ Female ☐

Ethnic Origin *(please tick one box)*

White (British) ☐	Mixed heritage (White & Black Caribbean) ☐	Asian (Indian) ☐
White (Irish) ☐	Mixed heritage (White & Black African) ☐	Asian (Pakistani) ☐
White (other) ☐	Mixed heritage (White & Asian) ☐	Asian (Bangladeshi) ☐
Black (Caribbean) ☐	Black (other) ☐	Chinese ☐
Black (African) ☐	Prefer not to say ☐	Other (if other please specify) ☐

Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to say ☐

Thank you for filling in this questionnaire

Name:

Address:

Post Code:

Phone No:

Please return this form by **4th February 2011** to:

Budget 2011

FREEPOST ANG7122, Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices
1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes MK9 3HG

Check to make sure you don't call a cowboy

Council lists names of reputable tradesmen

MAKE sure to 'Buy With Confidence' if you need the emergency services of a plumber following the icy weather.

Many households across the city have suffered flooding, some severe, caused by burst pipes in recent weeks, with water companies reporting a fourfold increase for this time of year.

But Karen Ford, head of trading standards, said it was easy for people to take the plunge and hire someone unsuitable to carry out repairs, without doing their homework.

She said: "If you think you do need to call out a plumber to fix a leak make sure you call a reputable tradesman.

"Check our Buy With Confidence list of trading standards approved traders or ask friends and neighbours for recommendations."

Residents can check for free with the council's Buy With Confidence scheme, which lists traders who have been approved following a system of checks and an audit.

Cllr Mike Galloway, responsible for trading standards, said: "People should be protected from the dangers of unscrupulous traders who may overcharge or do shoddy work.

"The consequences for any trader tempted to make a quick buck by unfair trading are likely to be serious. The trading standards team are ready to deal with any rogue traders."

Trading standards are also urging people to check for water leaks, some of which might not be easily visible, before they receive their next water bill, which could be a nasty surprise for some.

Underground leaks may mean hundreds of litres of water are escaping and draining away into the ground unknown to the householder, but they will be charged for this lost water.

Householders are liable for the supply after it leaves the water meter and enters their home. Householders have to pay for water that leaks from their own pipes, even if it is underground.

Ms Ford added: "To ensure you don't get a nasty surprise with your next water bill, check for leaks now. It is easy to do this, by turning off all of your taps and water-using appliances and taking a couple of comparative meter readings."

■ For more information visit www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/trading-standards.

Calling all **Parents** and **Carers**

Is your child due to start school for the first time or transfer from an infant school at 7+ in **September 2011?**

If yes, have you either applied online or sent in an application form?

If not, please note the closing date for return is **5pm Monday 17 January 2011.**

By that time you should have completed an online application at **www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schooladmissions** or delivered your completed form to your local junior or primary school for children starting school for the first time or your child's infant school if they are transferring at 7+.

If your child attends a school outside Milton Keynes or an independent school you should return your form to: School Admissions, Milton Keynes Council, Saxon Court, 502 Avebury Boulevard, MK9 3HS.

For more information please log onto **www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schooladmissions** or call 01908 253450/253085.

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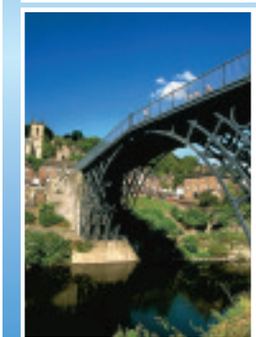

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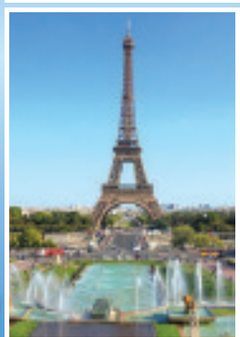

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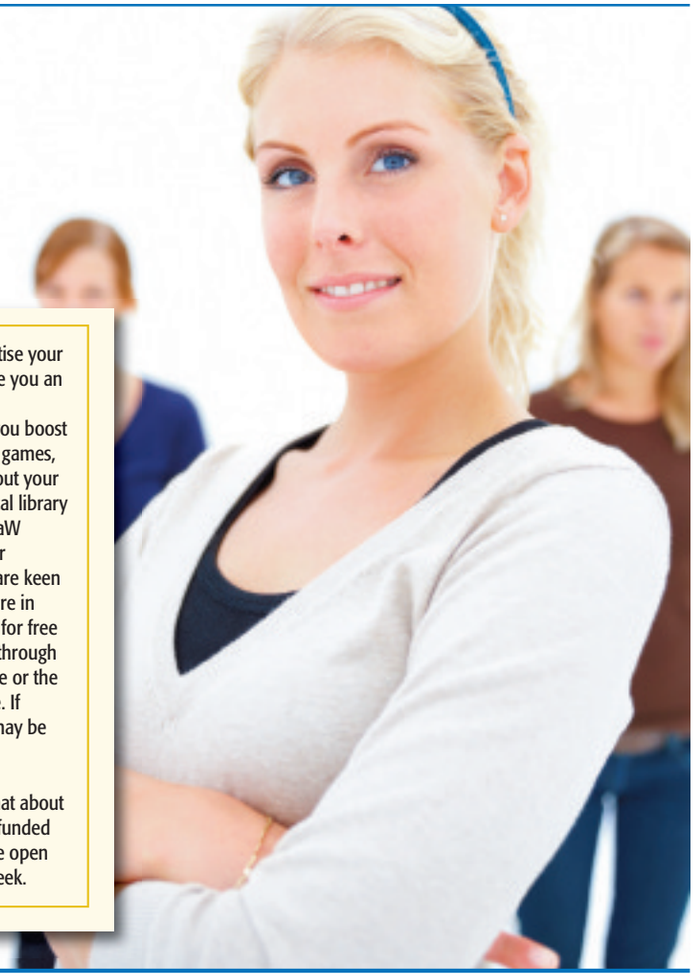

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These are short courses which let you practise your reading, writing and number skills, and give you an idea what a longer course would be like.
BBC RaW (Reading and Writing) can help you boost your skills through online activities such as games, quizzes and tests. You can also find out about your nearest RaW centre - this could be your local library or learning centre. You can get help with RaW online, take part in activities and share your experiences with others. Some employers are keen for their staff to develop new skills. If you are in work it is possible that you may be eligible for free training relevant to your job - for example through an apprenticeship, the Train to Gain scheme or the learndirect Learning through Work Scheme. If you're looking to get back into work, you may be able to take part in the New Deal or other programmes for unemployed people.
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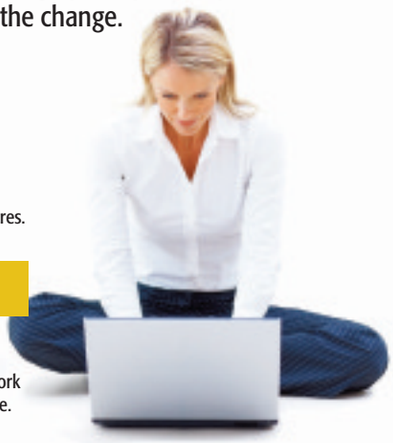

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SATURDAYS 10am - 11am
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Secondary Ballet Ages 8-12

Booking now! £75 per term.
Call MK Theatre's Creative Learning Department on **01908 547651.**

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Mad about the theatre?

Milton Keynes Theatre's dedicated Creative Learning team is committed to bringing activities offering a range of opportunities for people to get involved, learn new skills, meet people and be part of the creative community in MK

This year the theatre will be bringing a number of events to you including Circus Skills and Audition techniques workshops, Backstage Tours and a Succesful Youth Theatre for young people aged 6 -18 years. If you are an aspiring young ballet dancer the new ballet workshops may be for you. Ballet is a brilliant way for children to increase their fitness, posture, strength, rhythm, confidence and most importantly have fun and make new friends. Milton Keynes Theatre are booking for Ballet classes now. Saturday 10am-11am Primary Ballet: Ages 4-7.

For those of you over the age of 16 who may have made a New Years resolution to get creative in 2011, take a look at the Scriptwriting class. Have you ever dreamed about writing for the stage? Maybe you have some ideas but you're not sure how to turn them into a script? The group, led by writer Sally Luff meet once a week to explore ideas and writing techniques in a friendly, supportive environment. Thursdays 7pm-9pm.
To book a place or to find out more about these or any other Creative Learning activities at Milton Keynes Theatre call Call Milton Keynes Theatre's Creative Learning Department on 01908 547 651.

A free taster session is available if you'd like to find out a bit more.

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Evening all!

Formerly called Night School, evening classes were originally designed to give people who work access to education.

These days courses are open to all.

he possibilities for study range from academic subjects, through business topics and in areas of general interest such as hobbies, practical skills, learning languages, arts and crafts.

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TheParksTrust MILTON KEYNES

Nutty About Nature?

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Woodcraft skills
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Gardening for wildlife
Sat 19 Feb, 10.00-3.00
Campbell Park Pavilion, £10

Introduction to reptiles and amphibians
Sat 26 Mar, 10.00-3.30
Great Linford, £10

Signs of spring
Sat 16 Apr, 10.00-12.00
Shenley Wood, £5

Introduction to herbalism
Sat 14 May, 10.00-12.00
Caldecotte, £5

Introduction to insects
Sat 11 Jun, 10.00-3.00
Campbell Park and Stonepit Field, £10

Booking is essential please contact The Parks Trust on **01908 255368**.

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Are You Nutty About Nature?

Why not make it your New Year's resolution to learn more about the wonders of the natural world with The Parks Trust's Nutty About Nature short courses for adults?

Running monthly throughout the year (except August) the courses are held in and around the beautiful parks of Milton Keynes and represent great value for money at just £5 or £10 per person.

Woodcraft Skills is the first course on Saturday 29 January with an opportunity to make whistles, light fires and make tools in the great outdoors at Hazeley Wood. In February there's a Gardening For Wildlife Course where you can learn about the best way to encourage more wildlife into your garden with the RSPB advisory service.

On 26 March you can discover more about the fascinating creatures that live in our wild areas and learn to find and identify them on our Introduction to Reptiles and Amphibians. April's course is Signs of Spring and helps you spot some of the early plants and see which insects are beginning to emerge.

In May it's time to learn about herbalism and discover more about the wild plants growing in the parks and their medicinal uses. The Introduction to Insects course in June is perfect for beginners to learn how to find and identify insects.

Nicky Saunders, Education Co-ordinator at The Parks Trust, said: ""Knowing a little more about nature can really add to your enjoyment of the parks and our countryside. Our workshops allow people to be hands-on and get really close to wildlife to ensure they get the most from each session."

Booking is essential and for more details on short courses call 01908 255368.

Our full list of short courses and other events can be found in The Parks Trust 2011 Events Guide.

To get your free copy of this year's guide, call The Parks Trust on 01908 255379, download a copy from the website www.theparkstrust.com or email events@theparkstrust.com.

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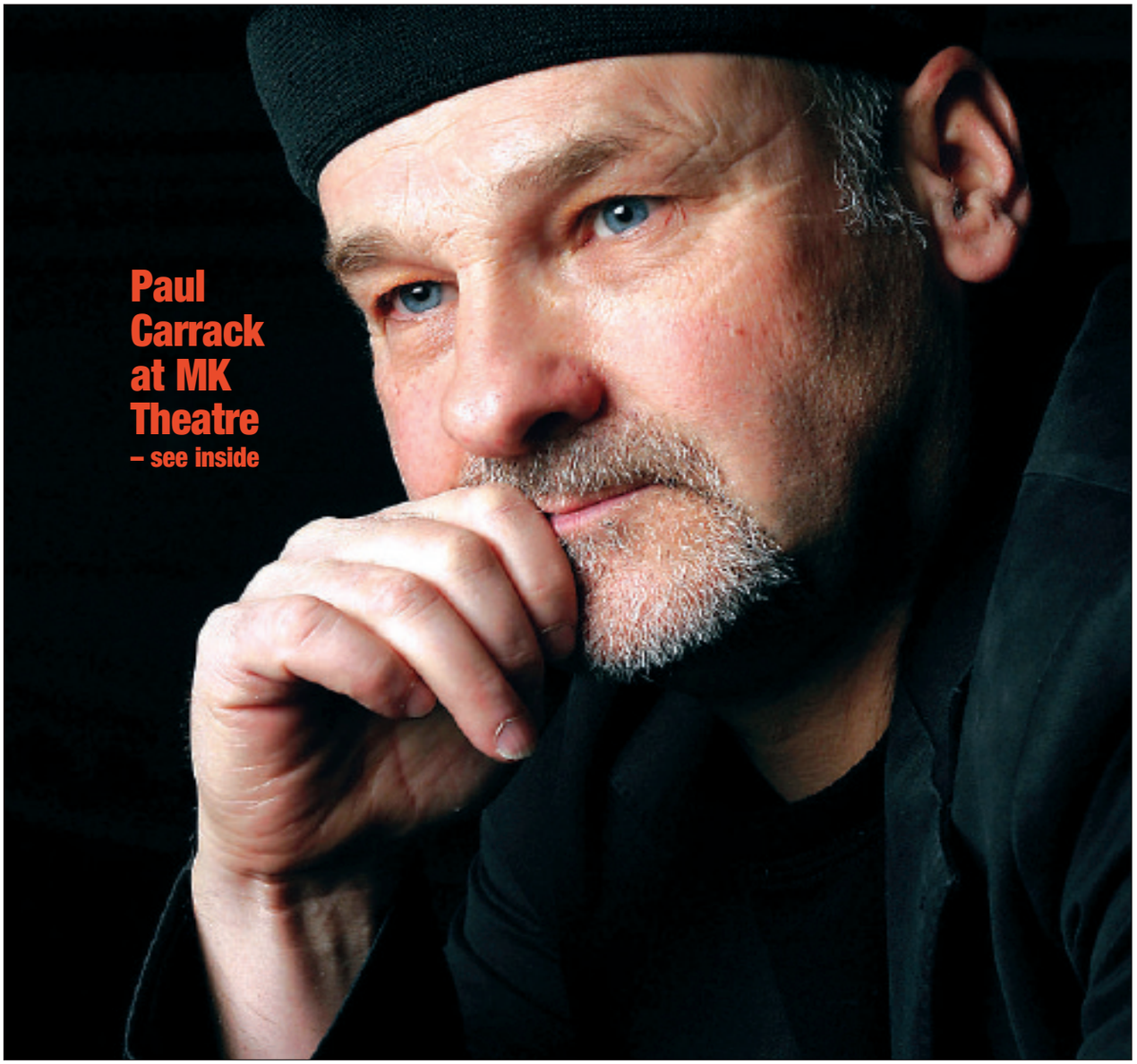
YOUR GUIDE TO LEISURE IN YOUR CITY



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Leisure or events news? e-mail **leisure@mk-news.co.uk** | phone **01908 689595**

Motor Show
13 - 16 January

thecentre:mk Motor Show returns to Middleton Hall this weekend, exhibiting the latest car models from a diverse range of brands including Evans Halshaw Ford and Vauxhall, smart of Milton Keynes, Mercedes-Benz of Milton Keynes, Pilling Mazda and Renault, MK Kia, Morgan, Lexus and MK Hyundai. Admission is free.

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Over 18s. Dress code: No trainers, hats or hoods.

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Xscape 670976
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THE LIVING ROOM
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SIMON DARNELL

THE FLOOD
Cheryl Cole

THINGS I've learned from listening to this song:
1 – Cheryl Cole lives in a lighthouse, where she watches a boat approach the rocks and she does nothing to avert the disaster. In fact, she turns the lights out! Ms Cole, you're doing it wrong.
2 – Cheryl Cole can see reflections in the sand. Bet you can't do that. La Cole has eyes like a hawk, especially if said hawk is trained to stare at beaches.
3 – It's nice to hear the drumbeat from Blur's Tender being used as an inspiration to others.
4 – During the second verse, she clearly states 'You'll always have a place to call your home; still, I can't help but think I could've saved you from drowning'. I can only assume this 'home' of which she speaks has big, pearly gates.
5 – As for the line 'I won't bring nothing up', well, that's just bad grammar.
6 – If I'm concentrating on the lyrics, it's because there's virtually nothing about the tune worth writing about. It's slow, laborious and chances are if you haven't heard it you can guess.
7 – 'Love me like a flood'? Really? Is it possible to love a flood? I mean, I've never seen people happily barricading their houses with sandbags, screaming 'This flood's going to be brilliant!' while being filmed for the 10 o'clock News, but perhaps I've been watching the wrong news channels.
8 – The Flood by Cheryl Cole is, surprisingly, not particularly good.

WHAT THE HELL
Avril Lavigne

CHANCES are the song title will be uttered by a lot of people when they find out this isn't a sub-standard Pink single, but Avril Lavigne's big comeback effort instead.
I'm guessing that this is probably what a homeopathic version of So What would sound like – diluted so much that all that remains is the memory of how much attitude and energy was in there originally.
See, when Pink sings about how she's off to get wrecked and have a highly enjoyable evening, I can believe that because of the way she sings it.
When Avril Lavigne sings about making out with her boyfriend's mate, I don't believe her for a second.
Mind you, it doesn't help that she makes this statement immediately after a cutesy 'yeah yeah, yeah yeah'.
This is a 'fun' and 'lively' song, but it's a bit too twee to achieve either goal.
Finishing off with a load of 'la la la's sums things up nicely.

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The Burns Unit

JUAN MARTIN FLAMENCO ENSEMBLE
Thursday, January 13. 8pm
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JIVE TALKIN': THE BEE GEES STORY
Saturday, January 15. 8pm
FEATURING the stunningly convincing vocals of brothers Darren and Gary Simmons as Barry and Robin Gibb alongside Jarrod Laughlin as Maurice Gibb, Jive Talkin' perfectly recreates the extensive Gibb Brothers repertoire. The show also features an acoustic medley of some of the Bee Gees' earlier hits, showcasing the uncanny voices of the three lead singers.
Tickets £18

THE BURNS UNIT
Tuesday, January 18. 8pm
THE Burns Unit are an eight-piece Scottish-Canadian supergroup whose multi-faceted sound is described as 'indie pop meets carnival rock'. The Burns Unit features award-winning folk singer Karine Polwart, alt-folk royalty King Creosote and indie queen Emma Pollock plus pop artist Future Pilot AKA, elegant multi-instrumentalist Kim Edgar, drummer/producer Mattie Fould, piano man Michael Johnston and virtuosic rapper MC Soom T. Their unique and bold sound includes retro synths, accordion, shruti box and tamboura alongside guitars, piano, drums and bass.
Tickets £18.50

PHIL ROBSON & THE INSTANT MESSAGE QUINTET
Featuring Mark Turner
Tuesday, January 18. 8.45pm
PHIL Robson is a guitarist, renowned bandleader and composer. Winner of Best Jazz Musician Of The Year in the 2009 Parliamentary Jazz Awards and also nominated for Best CD of The Year, he is a long-term collaborator with Christine Tobin. The quintet features Phil on guitar, Mark Turner on saxophone, Gareth Lockrane on flute, Michael Janisch on bass and Ernesto Simpson on drums.
Tickets £10 in advance, £12 on the door.

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The evil Snow Queen

DAILY LIFE

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FRIDAY

FOX and Hounds, Stony Stratford. Bullfrogs playing a mix of original songs from Cajun to country rock, suthern boogie to western swing, Tex-Mex to tears in your beer.

SATURDAY

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SUNDAY

HULA Animal Rescue's Open Day and New Year Sale – bazaar and children's corner, home-made refreshments, fun and games for the kids. Meet rescued pets, ponies and farm animals. January sale at the shop. £2 – accompanied children and parking free.

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LOSS OF INNOCENCE

Exhibition of children's art from Gaza

Until January 29

MORE than 50 pieces of art, some funny, some tragic, many beautiful, together with commentary, are the basis of this exhibition.

Collected by Rod Cox in March and April 2009, the exhibition is the result of a promise made to the schools and youth groups that he visited in Gaza, that the art would find an audience across Europe.

With the support of UNESCO, this exhibition of paintings and drawings illustates gaza children's experience of conflict, their hopes for the future and give a voice to their pain.

Already exhibited in towns and cities across the UK, this moving exhibition will be in Milton Keynes for the month of January. You can see it upstairs at the CMK Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard.

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GERARD BYRNE

Case Study: Loch Ness (Some possibilities and problems), 2001-2011

January 14 - April 3

IN his first major solo exhibition in a UK public gallery, Gerard Byrne will present the culmination of ten years of research around the Loch Ness Monster.

Byrne blurs the lines between fiction and documentary to examine how images inform our understanding of myth and reality.

The surface of the loch becomes a screen onto which fears and fantasies are projected, or a murky lens which inflects reality with dark undertones.

Intrinsic to any account of this subject is a story of make-believe, fabrication and hoaxes of a famous historic photograph of the monster which turned out to be a toy submarine; others of drifting wood.

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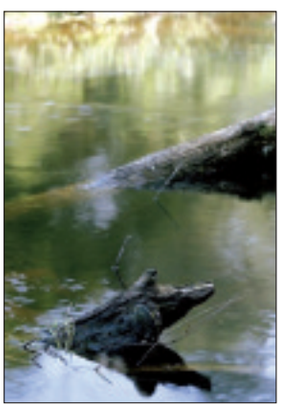

Drawing on his accumulated archive of Loch Ness Monster related photographs, film and audio footage, Byrne draws direct parallels between one of the world's most enduring modern myths and the rise of commercial mass media.

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PAUL CARRACK

Tuesday, January 18

THIS legendary Sheffield-born singer and songwriter is the former frontman of Ace, Squeeze and Mike and The Mechanics and ex-keyboard player for Roxy Music.

His new album has received heavy airplay on BBC Radio 2 and the single 'I Don't Want to Hear Any More', featuring Don Henley and fellow Eagle Timothy B Schmit on backing vocals, has been recorded and released as a single by The Eagles too.

With a back catalogue of hits including How Long, Tempted and The Living Years, Paul's marvelously soulful voice is known to millions around the world; he is undoubtedly a key figure in Britsh pop history.

For information on the prices of the tickets to the show, taking place at 7.30pm, visit www.ambassadortickets.com/Milton-Keynes.

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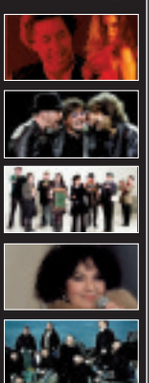

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PARK **LIFE**

Parks events guide out now

FROM film festivals, children's activities and dances to open air theatre, walks and wildlife – there's something for everyone in The Parks Trust 2011 Events Guide providing information on around 200 events and activities.

Containing a mix of firm favourites and some exciting new events, the guide highlights week by week activities to help you enjoy Milton Keynes' beautiful parks and green spaces.

Many of the events are free or have a minimal charge so in these cost-conscious times it's comforting to know that you don't have to spend a fortune for you, family or friends to have a great time.

Coming this August is the Trust's first Friday night drive-in movie in Campbell Park to launch the popular outdoor film festival.

The festival itself will be bigger and better than ever with six free films being shown over two themed days, Sci-Fi Saturday and Smooth Sunday.

The Parks Trust's Open Air Theatre sees the return of Shakespeare in the Park with a performance of Twelfth Night and, new for this year, there is some great family entertainment with a production of Roald Dahl's Fantastic Mr Fox.

You need never hear the famous words 'I'm bored' during the school holidays as the guide includes plenty of activities to keep children occupied during their breaks, including pirate adventures, survival techniques, circus skills and a musical mania morning.

Walkers are also spoilt for choice - there's a free taster Nordic walking session designed to improve mobility and fitness and the Milton Keynes Walking Festival starting in April provides four days full of different walks for all ages and abilities.

Further highlights include a series of adult education workshops, a mini-festival to celebrate the traditions of May Day and there's time to practice your moves for the popular Parks Trust barn dance on April 30.

The guide also features our regular monthly events including: Women's Walking Network; bike rides with the Easy Riders, Pushchairs in the Park, orienteering, Parks and Run and Waggy Walks.

The Waggy Walks programme has been extended to four walks per month and is a great way to socialise both young and old dogs, get training advice for your four-legged friend and discover new walking routes.

This year's Events Guide has been generously supported by MK NEWS and the Wayside Group, one of the country's largest independent automotive groups.

■ To get your free copy of the guide, call The Parks Trust on 01908 255379, download a copy from the website www.theparkstrust.com or email events@theparkstrust.com and keep up to date on what's on in your parks in MKNEWS.

VAGABOND **CINEMA**

THE DAMNED UNITED (15)

Friday, 7pm

THIS year kicks off for mobile cinema Vagabond at the Red Dot Bar, stadiummk.

Michael Sheen's uncanny imitation brings Brian Clough back to life for his 44-day stint as the coach of Leeds United.

Follow him from glorious success to bitter defeat as he slugs it out in his epic rivalry with Don Revie.

On Thursday, January 27 at 6.30pm, a clutch of shorts by local filmmakers is showing at MK Film Network Shorts & MK Film Makers test screenings, the regular networking event at MK Gallery.

You can also catch The Witches (PG) on Friday, Januray 28 at 6pm at Greenleys Community Centre, Ardwell Lane. Roald Dahl's book is brought to life for all ages. A young boy, recently orphaned, is taken to England by his grandmother. At a hotel in which they are staying, a group of witches have gathered to prepare a plot to rid the world of all children. Subsidised with funding from Sports Relief, tickets £2, £1concs.

Tickets available from Rachel at Foundation House on 01908 311112 , or order by email on ursywhite@hotmail.co.uk.

The Damned United is showing at the Red Dot Bar on Friday

MADCAP **THEATRE**

WHOSE TURN COMEDY NIGHT

Saturday, January 15, 7.30pm

COMEDY improvisation team Whose Turn? return to MADCAP – in Creed Street in Wolverton – with their show of very silly improvisation games.

The the comics playing don't know what the situations or characters will be – because the audience provide them.

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Please note that this event is unsuitable for under 16s due to the language and subject matter.

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CONVICTION

Sam Rockwell, Hilary Swank, Minnie Driver

From Friday

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THE GREEN HORNET – 3D

Seth Rogen, Jay Chou, Christoph Waltz, Cameron Diaz

From Friday

BRITT Reid, the son of a newspaper publisher, spends his nights partying and his days sleeping it off. That is until his father is killed, and he meets a company employee called Kato, who lets him in on some of his father's secrets. Using a staggering cache of weaponry and the coolest car you've ever seen, Reid and Kato don masks and become crime-fighters.

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Ryan Gosling, Michelle Williams

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Colin Firth, Helena Bonham Carter, Geoffrey Rush, Guy Pearce

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127 HOURS (15)

James Franco, Amber Tamblyn, Kate Mara, Treat Williams

Now showing

A FILM about human courage, based on the gruelling true story of Aron Ralston (Franco). Aron is a lone mountain climber whose hand becomes trapped under a boulder in the blazing sun of the beautiful but remote Utah desert.

IT'S A KIND OF FUNNY STORY (12A)

Keir Gilchrist, Emma Roberts, Zach Galifianakis, Lauren Graham

Now showing

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NO ONE KILLED JESSICA (15)

Rani Mukherjee, Vidya Balan

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SEASON OF THE WITCH

Ron Perlman, Nicolas Cage, Stephen Graham, Claire Foy

Now showing

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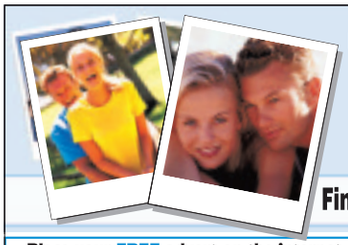

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single men

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PETER 57, blue eyes, full head of hair, likes sport, meals out, drinks, seeks nice, down to earth female. **Tel No: 0905 436 0866 Box No: 356067**

RICHARD 49, 6ft, slim, professional, GSOH, tactile, affectionate, likes most things, seeks slim, affectionate female. **Tel No: 0905 436 0866 Box No: 349519**

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ATTRACTIVE young looking male, 50, dark hair, blue eyes, honest, GSOH, OHAC, N/S, seeks medium build, attractive female, 40-50. **Tel No: 0905 436 0866 Box No: 356727**

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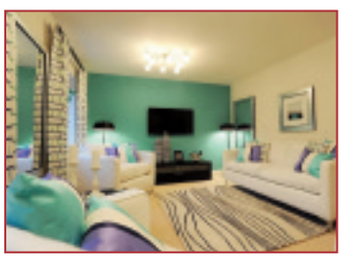

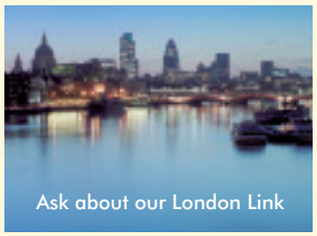

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Walnut Tree — £465,000

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- 2 en suites a family bathroom
- Generous dressing room to the master.
- Double garage style car port.
- Mature and private gardens to the rear.

Broughton — £525,000

- Contemporary Built
- Executive Residence
- Three Storeys
- Six Bedrooms
- Two En Suites
- Conservatory
- Garage
- No Upper Chain

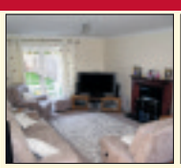
Oxley Park — £425,000

- Immaculately Presented
- Beautifully Located
- Overlooking the North Bucks Way
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Ensuites
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Ample Off Road Parking
- Viewing Highly Recommended

Kingsmead — £450,000

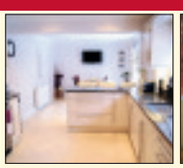
- Beautifully Presented
- Five Double Bedroom
- Executive Detached
- Conservatory
- Kitchen/Bfast/Family Room
- Three En Suites
- Double Garage
- No Upper Chain

Broughton — £449,995



- Five Bedroom
- Spacious Detached Residence
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Separate Receptions
- Three En Suites
- Ample Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden
- Viewing Recommended

Two Mile Ash — £395,000



- 5 Bedrooms
- Detached Property
- Lounge
- Study
- Kitchen/Breakfast/Family Room
- Utility Room
- Dressing Room & Ensuite
- Gardens
- Detached Double Garage

Tattenhoe — £450,000

- Beautifully Presented
- Four Bedroom Detached
- Views of Tattenhoe Fields
- Generous Off Road Parking
- Landscaped Rear Garden
- Highly Recommended

Monkston Park — OIEO £490,000

- Five Bedrooms
- Detached Propery
- 20ft Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Utility Room
- Study & Cloakroom
- Two En suites
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Detached Double Garage

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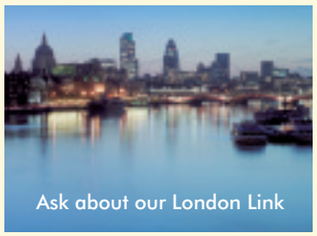

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Downhead Park £495,000

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Leckhampstead OIEO £700,000

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Hartwell £425,000

• A beautiful Grade II listed thatched cottage on a generous plot in Hartwell
• Lounge, dining room, kitchen/family room, utility, pantry and cloakroom
• Three bedrooms, en suite to master and family bathroom
• Detached double garage
• Gardens are private and overlook open countryside.

Furzton £600,000

• An impressive five bedroom detached residence • Benefiting from an elevated position looking down onto Furzton Lake. • The standard of the property's decorative order is excellent throughout. • Offering extensive off road parking.
• Detached double garage.
• Four receptions. • Five bedrooms. • Three en-suites and family bathroom. • This imposing property must be viewed early to avoid disappointment.

Broughton £575,000

•Set on a no through road surrounded by parkland and an original church yet all the convenience of Milton Keynes and M1 junction.
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•4 bath/shower rooms •Rear garden has been beautifully landscaped
•Parking for approx 4/6 cars •Detached double garage.

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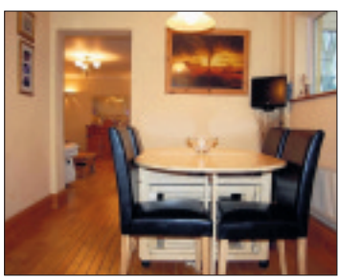
Downhead Park — OIEO £235,000

- Four Bedroom
- Detached Property
- Extended Lounge
- Conservatory
- Refitted Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking



Oldbrook — £289,995

- Much Improved
- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Refitted Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

Crownhill — OIEO £230,000

- Detached Home
- Cul de Sac Location
- Three Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Garage

Loughton — £299,995

- Semi Detached Cottage
- Built Circa 1907
- Boasting Many Original Features
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Front & Rear Gardens
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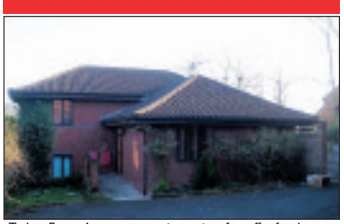

Taylors Estate Agents are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £250,000 for 4 Peckover Court, Great Holm, Milton Keynes, MK8 9HA.

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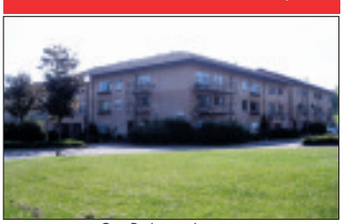
Conniburrow — £74,950

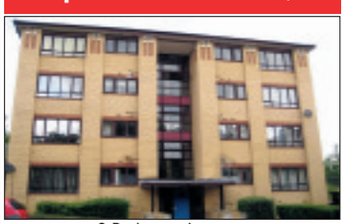


- One Bedroom Apartment
- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Bathroom
- No Upper Chain
- Viewing Recommended

Milton Keynes — £69,000

- Two Bedrooms
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Communal Gardens
- Allocated Parking
- No Upper Chain
- 70% Share

Campbell Park — £114,950



- 2 Bedroom Apartment
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- No Upper Chain

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Westcroft £200,000

• Three Bedroom • Semi Detached
• Downstairs Cloakroom
• En Suite to Master
• Parking & Detached Garage
• Rear Garden

Shenley Church End £292,500

• Extended Detached • Four Bedrooms
• Refitted Kitchen
• 29ft Conservatory
• Front & Rear Gardens
• Garage • Off Road Parking

Monkston Park £275,000

• Detached Property • Four Bedroom
• Ensuite to Master
• Front and Rear Gardens
• Driveway with Garage
• Viewing Recommended

Monkston £222,995

• Three Bedroom Detached
• Two Reception Rooms
• En Suite to Master
• Front & Rear Gardens
• Off Road Parking & Garage

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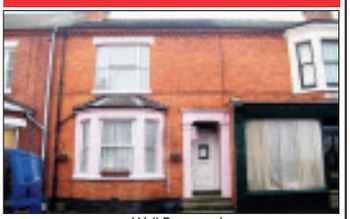
Wolverton £150,000

- Terraced House
- Two/Three Bedrooms
- Two/Three Reception Rooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Utility Area
- Garden

Wolverton Guide £164,995



- Well Presented
- Three Bedroom
- Victorian Terrace
- Gas Radiator Heating
- Double Glazing (where specified)
- Viewing Recommended

Deanshanger £144,995

- Three Bedroom
- Semi Detached
- No Upper Chain
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Garden

Deanshanger Offers Over £165,000

- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Extended Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Garage
- Garden

Wolverton Mill £56,000

- Two Bedrooms
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Family Bathroom
- Kitchen
- Lounge/Dining Room

New Bradwell Guide Price £145,000

- Mid Terrace
- Three Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Garden

Castlethorpe £100,000

- Well Presented
- One Bedroom
- Second Floor Flat
- Refitted Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom
- Viewing Recommended

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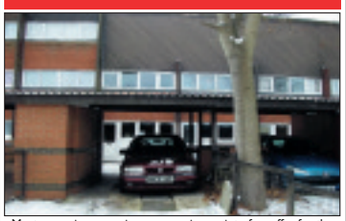


Mortgagees in possession are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £69,995 for 111 Woolmans, Fuller Slade, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, MK11 2BB. Anyone wishing to place an offer on the property should contact Taylors Estate Agents,36 High Street, Stony Stratford, Milton Keynes, MK11 1AF, 01908 563825 before exchange of contracts or within the next 7 days whichever is sooner.

Wolverton Guide £165,000

- Three Bedroom Victorian Terrace
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Garden
- Garage

Wolverton £160,000

- Well presented
- Three bedroom
- Victorian style property
- Three separate receptions
- Gas radiator heating
- Refitted kitchen and bathroom
- Garden

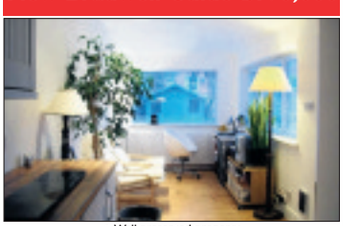
Fullers Slade £220,000

- Five Bedroom
- Spacious Detached Property
- Double Glazing
- Two Reception Rooms
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Garage

Deanshanger Guide £149,000

- Refurbished Victorian style property
- Two bedrooms
- Re-fitted bathroom
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Lounge/diner
- Rear garden

New Bradwell Guide £190,000



- Well presented property
- Two bedrooms
- Open plan lounge/dining/re-fitted kitchen
- Garden room
- Re-fitted bathroom
- Re-fitted cloakroom
- Rear garden

Bradville £260,000

- Well Presented Detached
- Five Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Gardens
- Views Of Grand Union Canal
- Vendor Contribution To Stamp Duty

WANTED Three / Four bedroom Victorian property in Stony Stratford for waiting buyers.

Stony Stratford Guide Price £150,000

- Very Well Presented
- Two Bedroom Cottage
- Refitted Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden

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Emerson Valley Guide £75,000

- End of Terrace
- Two Bedrooms
- 50% Shared Ownership
- £4000 Added Premium
- Rear Garden
- Driveway

Bletchley Offers IRO £135,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Oversized Detached Garage
- Front and Rear Gardens
- No Upper Chain

Bletchley £100,000

- Two Bedroom
- Victorian Style
- Mid Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Rear Garden
- Garage

Bletchley Guide Price £150,000

- Well Presented
- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway and Garage
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

Poets Guide £160,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Corner Plot
- Three Bedrooms
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway and Garage
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- No Upper Chain

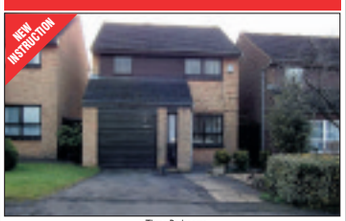
Race Courses £169,995

- Detached bungalow
- Two bedrooms
- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Bathroom
- Gardens to front and rear
- No upper chain

Bletchley Guide Price £130,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Front and Rear Gardens
- No Upper Chain

Furzton £200,000



- Three Bedrooms
- Detached Property
- Garage Storage Area
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Utility Room

Whalley Drive £360,000

- Well Presented
- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Heated Summer House
- Courtyard Garden With Jacuzzi
- Sauna Room
- Driveway
- Viewing Recommended

Bletchley £145,000

- Three Bedroom
- Semi Detached
- Lounge/Diner
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Parking & Garage
- No Upper Chain

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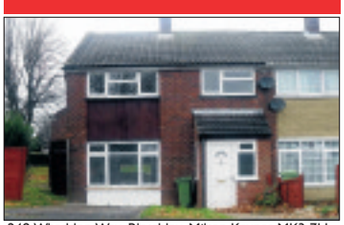

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We advise that an offer has been made for the above property in the sum of £118,000. Any persons wishing to increase on this offer should notify the agents of their best offer prior to exchange of contracts.

Simpson Guide Price £210,000

- Semi detached house
- Three double bedrooms
- Separate reception rooms
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Gardens to front and rear
- Off road parking

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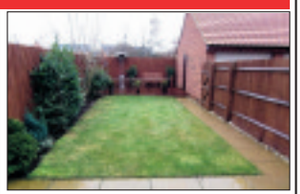
Westcroft £219,995

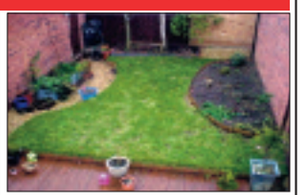

- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master Bedroom
- Landscaped Rear Garden
- Driveway and Garage

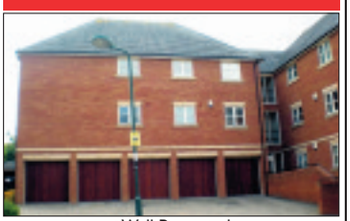
FINDER SERVICE
Urgently Required - Two bedroom houses in Shenley Church End. Can you help? Please call 01908 524456

Furzton Guide Price £125,000

- Cluster Home
- Two Bedrooms
- Gardens
- Allocated Parking

Westcroft £249,995

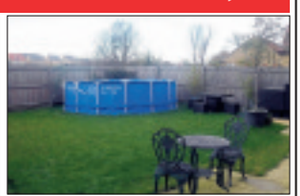

- Well Presented
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway and Garage

Medbourne £190,995

- Well Presented
- Executive Apartment
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Driveway and Garage

Crownhill Offers IEO £165,000

- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Refitted Kitchen
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Driveway

Oxley Park £349,995


- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Three Ensuites
- Rear Garden
- Driveway and Double Garage
- Internal Viewing Recommended

Medbourne £67,500

- Extremely Well Presented
- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Communal Garden
- Viewing Recommended
- 50% Shared Ownership

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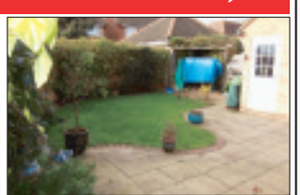
Urgently Required - Three bedroom detached houses in Emerson Valley. Can you help? Please call 01908 524456

Tattenhoe £239,995


- Very Well Presented
- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
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- Rear Garden
- Driveway and Garage
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Newport Pagnell £70,000

- One Bedroom
- Sheltered Housing Apartment
- Over 55's
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double Bedroom

Bozeat Guide Price £325,000

- Detached family home
- Three reception rooms
- Kitchen and utility
- En suite to master bedroom
- First floor study
- Detached double garage
- Gardens and off road parking

Newport Pagnell £325,000

- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Refitted Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom
- Garden
- Outbuilding
- Garage
- Off Road Parking

Mr & Mrs G have sold subject to contract through us and are currently seeking a two bedroom property in Olney can you help? Please call Amelia or Lizzie today for your free market appraisal on 01234 713333

Newport Pagnell £165,000

- Two/Three Bedrooms
- Victorian Property
- Lounge
- Refitted Kitchen/Diner
- Courtyard Garden
- Outhouse

Wollaston £158,995

- Terraced Property
- Recently Refurbished
- UPVC Double Glazed
- Three Bedrooms
- No Upper Chain

Bozeat £285,000

- Well Presented
- Detached Property
- Recently Refurbished
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Gardens
- Driveway

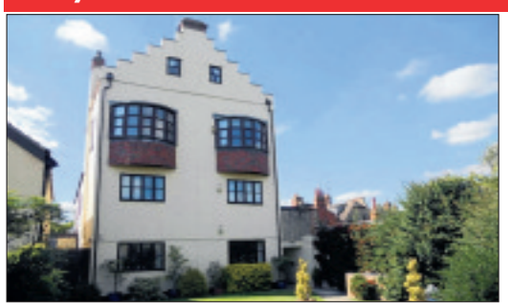
Newport Pagnell O.I.E.O £200,000

- Link Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Gardens
- Viewing Recommanded

Newport Pagnell £320,000

- Four Bedroom Detached
- Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Refitted Kitchen
- Dining Room/Family Room
- Utility Room
- Refitted Shower Room
- Refitted Bathroom

Olney £270,000



- Well Presented
- Unique Penthouse Apartment
- Bay Fronted Lounge
- Three Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master
- Allocated Parking and Single Garage
- Communal Gardens

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• Garage with generous driveway
• Offering excellent access to M1

TWO BEDROOM HOUSES £164,950

• Brand new 2 bedroom homes
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• Separate kitchens to the front
• To include integrated appliances
• Rural setting onto open land
• Book a viewing today!

SPACIOUS VILLAGE HOME £217,500

• Brand new village home
• 4 good size bedrooms
• High specification throughout
• Private parking - Carport
• Carpets and curtains included
• READY TO MOVE INTO NOW

PRIVATE, EXCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT £280,000

• Spacious end of terrace home
• 3 bedrooms are all doubles
• Large living room onto garden
• Generous garden
• 2 parking spaces

GROUND FLOOR FLAT £147,950

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• Patio doors onto residents gardens
• Parking space
• Easy walk to train station
• Arrange a viewing now

NEW DEVELOPMENT WALTON GRANGE £245,000

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• High specification
• Master bedroom has an en suite
• Under croft parking
• Close to Ouse Park
• SHOW HOME NOW OPEN

STONE FINISHED 4 BED IN VILLAGE £319,995

• Traditional cottage style
• Double fronted detached home
• Double aspect lounge
• Drive with garage
• Located in popular Silverstone village

SPACIOUS FAMILY HOME £515,995

• Brand new 6 bedroom home
• 3 Reception rooms, 5 bathrooms/en suites
• Part exchange available
• Double garage
• Two balconies over parkland
• Popular East Milton Keynes area

DECEPTIVELY LARGE VILLAGE HOME £330,000

• Brand new detached 4 bedroom home
• Generouse rooms, 2 en suites
• Rarely available
• Garage
• Access to Buckingham/ Milton Keynes excellent
• Reduced Price

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• Luxury 2 bedroom apartment, Wharf style
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• Open plan kitchen/ living area
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BROWNS WOOD GUIDE £165,000

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HEELANDS £144,000

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NO UPPER CHAIN

NEATH HILL £159,995

TERRACED PROPERTY
THREE BEDROOMS
KITCHEN/DINER
DOWNSTAIRS CLOAKROOM
BATHROOM & SEPARATE W.C.
FRONT AND REAR GARDENS
GARAGE IN BLOCK

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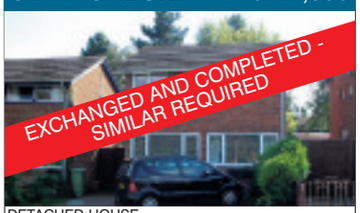

DETACHED HOUSE
THREE BEDROOMS
LOUNGE/DINER
KITCHEN
BATHROOM

SHENLEY LODGE £189,995

SEMI DETACHED HOME
THREE BEDROOMS
SEPARATE RECEPTION ROOMS
CONSERVATORY
GARDENS
CARPORT

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SPRINGFIELD £229,995

DETACHED HOME
FOUR BEDROOMS
TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
EN SUITE
GARAGE
CARPORT
GARDEN

STANTONBURY FIELDS Guide £250,000

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FOUR BEDROOMS
DOUBLE GLAZING
CLOAKROOM
SEPARATE RECEPTION
ENSUITE
GARDEN

BOLBECK PARK £205,000

LINK DETACHED
THREE BEDROOMS
ENSUITE TO MASTER
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
DOUBLE GLAZING
FRONT AND REAR GARDENS
OFF ROAD PARKING

GREAT LINFORD £170,000

WELL PRESENTED
FOUR BEDROOMS
END OF TERRACE
TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
REAR GARDEN
OFF ROAD PARKING

WALNUT TREE £60,000

TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT
SHARED OWNERSHIP
LOUNGE/DINER
KITCHEN
BATHROOM
BALCONY
COMMUNAL GARDENS

TWO MILE ASH £174,000

SEMI DETACHED HOME
FOUR BEDROOMS
GAS TO RADIATOR HEATING
SUN LOUNGE
GARDENS
VIEWING RECOMMENDED

EMERSON VALLEY £68,000

SHARED OWNERSHIP
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TWO BEDROOMS
ONE RECEPTION ROOM
WELL PRESENTED
GARDENS
GARAGE

WALNUT TREE £150,000

TWO BEDROOMS
LOUNGE/DINER
GARDEN
OFF ROAD PARKING
NO UPPER CHAIN

MONKSTON Guide £160,000

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SHOWER ROOM
FRONT AND REAR GARDEN
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DETACHED HOME
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SEPARATE RECEPTIONS
20FT CONSERVATORY
EN SUITE
GARAGE AND GARDENS

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REAR GARDEN
OFF ROAD PARKING

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• LOUNGE
•DINING ROOM
•REFITTED KITCHEN
•CONSERVATORY
•100FT GARDEN

BOZEAT Guide Price £180,000

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DETACHED PROPERTY
TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
FRONT & REAR GARDENS
OFF ROAD PARKING
GARAGE
VIEWING RECOMMENDED

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SEPARATE STUDIO APARTMENT
SEPARATE TWO BEDROOM COTTAGE
VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

OLNEY Guide Price £250,000

THREE BEDROOM
DOUBLE FRONTED
COTTAGE
CHARACTER FEATURES
OPEN FIRE
CONSERVATORY
GARDEN

HARROLD O.I.R.O £140,000

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REAR GARDEN
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VIEWING RECOMMENDED

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SEMI DETACHED
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THREE RECEPTION ROOMS
DOWNSTAIRS REFITTED SHOWER ROOM
FRONT AND REAR GARDENS
DRIVEWAY AND DETACHED GARAGE

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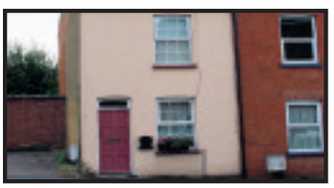

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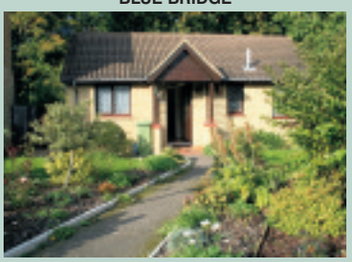

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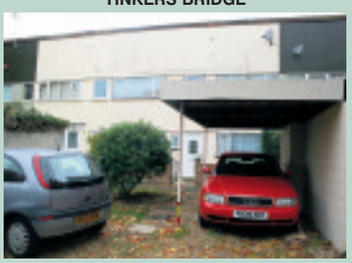

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Required April 2011 or September 2011

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Required September 2011

Teacher of PE/Games
Required September 2011

Details of these posts and an application form can be downloaded from our website via the TES HireWire link in Staff Vacancies under About Us. Alternatively please contact the Head Teacher's PA, Mrs M Austin, for further details.

Closing dates for these posts are as follows:

Head of ICT:	**Monday 17 January 2011**
Teacher of Design Technology:	**Monday 7 February 2011**
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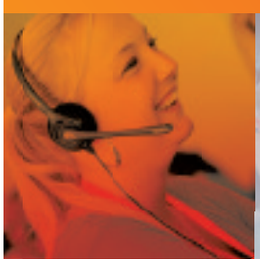

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Closing date: Wednesday 19th January 2011
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Odell Road, Sharnbrook, Bedford, MK44 1JL
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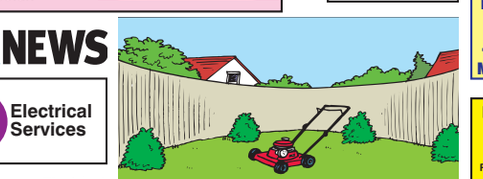

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TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 1995
CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL
PUBLIC NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8
and/or
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990
PUBLIC NOTICE UNDER SECTION 67 OR 73

The following applications for Planning Permission, Listed Building Consent and/or Conservation Area Consent have been received and may be inspected at Central Bedfordshire Council, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, SG17 5TQ during normal office hours.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about these applications should write to me at the above address quoting the application number/s, within 21 days of the date of publication of the notice. Comments should be restricted to valid planning considerations such as effect on amenity, privacy, noise, traffic, access etc. All letters received are open to public inspection and so cannot be treated in confidence.

Most simple and straightforward applications are delegated to me to decide but, when the application is determined by the Council's Development Management Committee, you may make your views known by speaking at the Committee meeting. Should the application/s on which you wish to comment be one/s which will be determined by the Development Management Committee and if you wish to present your views in person to the Committee as well as in writing, please say so clearly in your representations and I will send you details of how to proceed as soon as the Committee date is known.

Assistant Director Development Management 09 January 2011

APPLICATION NO:	CB/10/04198/FULL Departure / Major / General Publicity
PROPOSAL:	Demolition of former quarry depot buildings and change of use of land to create a 40 berth marina, erection of a two storey eco building including offices, a two bedroomed staff flat, chandlery and cafe with associated car parking, new access, engineering and landscaping works (revised application CB/09/06675/FULL)
LOCATION:	Former Quarry Works, Mentmore Road, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 2AE
APPLICATION NO:	CB/10/04371/FULL Affects Conservation Area
PROPOSAL:	Demolition of existing garage (B1) and redevelopment of site and additional land with 7 No 3 & 4 bed houses and ancillary works.
LOCATION:	Victoria Garage, Victoria Road, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 2NT
APPLICATION NO:	CB/10/04462/MW General Publicity
PROPOSAL:	Application for retrospective planning permission for the retention of a 3m high close boarded wooden fence
LOCATION:	Former BR Goods Yard, New Mill End, Chiltern Green Road, East Hyde
APPLICATION NO:	CB/10/04472/MW General Publicity
PROPOSAL:	Proposal to amend condition 7 of the Non Material Amendment appended to planning permission CB/09/06754/MW to allow for the barbed wire topping of the fence to be angled away from the site.
LOCATION:	Former BR Goods Yard, New Mill End, Chiltern Green Road, East Hyde
APPLICATION NO:	CB/10/04485/REN Affects Listed Building or its Setting
PROPOSAL:	Erection of single storey rear extension.
LOCATION:	Tudor Cottage 70 High Street, Eaton Bray, Dunstable, LU6 2DP
APPLICATION NO:	CB/10/04522/FULL Major Development & General Publicity
PROPOSAL:	Extensions and alterations to No.1, demolition of Chestnuts and redevelopment of the site to provide 3 detached dwellings, 7 apartments, amenity, associated parking, communal amenity space and landscaping.
LOCATION:	No.1 and The Chestnuts Friars Walk, Dunstable, LU6 3JA
APPLICATION NO:	CB/10/04525/FULL Affects Conservation Area
PROPOSAL:	Erection of first floor extension and alterations to rear of dwellings
LOCATION:	9 & 11 Leighton Road, Toddington, Dunstable, LU5 6AN
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/00011/FULL Affects Conservation Area
PROPOSAL:	Change of Use from retail shop to two dwellings (Resubmission of CB/10/03602/FULL)
LOCATION:	18 20 Old Road, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 2RE
APPLICATION NO:	CB/10/04307/VOC Affects Right of Way / General Publicity
PROPOSAL:	Removal of conditions 6, 8, 9, 10 & 12 of permission CB/09/05130 to enable the retention of an access and fence as constructed
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Any interested party (such as a resident or a local business) or responsible authority wishing to make representations either against or in support of the application must do so in writing by: 27-01-2011

To the following address: LICENSING TEAM ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL CIVIC OFFICES 1 SAXON GATE EAST MILTON KEYNES MK9 3EJ 01908 252800 Email: licensing@milton-keynes.gov.uk

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Dated this 5th day of January 2011

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
THE A5 TRUNK ROAD (MILTON KEYNES)
(DE-RESTRICTION) ORDER 2011

The Secretary of State for Transport hereby gives notice that an Order has been made on 7 January 2011 under sections 82(2)(a) and 83(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 on slip roads to the A5 Trunk Road at Milton Keynes.

The effect of the Order will be to remove the 30 miles per hour speed limit automatically imposed by the installation of street lighting and restore the national speed limit on the slip roads leading to or from the A5 Trunk Road at the following interchanges -

1. A4146 Kellys Kitchen,
2. A4146 Bletcham Way,
3. A421 Redmoor,
4 A509 Portway, and
5. A422 Monks Way.

A copy of the made Order which will come into force on 21 January 2011 may be inspected during normal office hours, at the offices of Milton Keynes Council, Highways & Environment Directorate, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ; Bletchley & Fenny Stratford Parish Council, 74/76 Queensway, Bletchley, Milton Keynes MK2 2SA or obtained by application to the Highways Agency, Network Delivery and Development, Orders Section, Woodlands, Manton Lane, Manton Industrial Estate, Bedford MK41 7LW, quoting reference HA 41/29/326.

Mrs A V Middleton, An official of the Highways Agency

Any enquiries relating to this notice can be made in writing to Andy Shilliday of the Highways Agency at the above address or by telephoning him on 01234 796197 or emailing him at andy.shilliday@highways.gsi.gov.uk

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 23

PROPOSED TOUCAN CROSSINGS

LOVETT WAY, DUNSTABLE

Central Bedfordshire

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL, in exercise of its powers under Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 and all other enabling powers, proposes to construct a new controlled crossing point located on Lovett Way, Dunstable, south of its junction with Porz Avenue.

This will provide a safe crossing point for cyclists using adjacent cycle lanes and more generally for pedestrians wishing to cross Lovett Way.

The location of the proposed Toucan (signalised) crossing is as follows:-

Lovett Way, Dunstable:- approximately 60 metres south of its roundabout junction with Porz Avenue.

A plan showing this proposal can be examined during normal opening hours at Dunstable Library, Vernon Place Dunstable LU5 4HA. For more information, please contact Ben Gadsby on 0845 365 6121 or email ben.gadsby@amey.co.uk

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL, in exercise of its powers under Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 and all other enabling powers, proposes to construct a new controlled crossing point located on Boscombe Road, Dunstable, south of its junction with Eyncourt Road.

This will provide a safe crossing point for cyclists using adjacent cycle lanes and more generally for pedestrians wishing to cross Boscombe Road.

The location of the proposed Toucan (signalised) crossing is as follows:-

Boscombe Road, Dunstable:- approximately 55 metres south of its roundabout junction with Eyncourt Road.

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CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO INTRODUCE AN ORDER TO PERMIT TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS THAT ARE CURRENTLY PROHIBITED AT THE JUNCTION OF WEST STREET, ICKNIELD WAY AND PRINCES STREET, DUNSTABLE

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To PERMIT vehicles to turn right (manoeuvres currently prohibited):

1. From Icknield Street into West Street.
2. From Princes Street into West Street.

To PERMIT vehicles to proceed straight ahead (manoeuvre currently prohibited):

1. From Princes Street across West Street into Icknield Street.

Further Details of the proposal and a plan may be examined during normal office hours at Central Bedfordshire Council at the Technology House address below and during normal opening hours at Dunstable Library, Vernon Place Dunstable LU5 4HA. These details will be placed on deposit until 6 weeks after the Order is made or until it is decided not to continue with the proposal. For more information, please contact Piotr Bogusiewicz on 0845 365 6149 or email piotr.bogusiewicz@amey.co.uk.

Objections should be sent in writing to the Transportation Manager, Bedfordshire Highways, Woodlands Annex, Manton Lane, Bedford MK41 7NU or e-mail centralbedsconsultation@amey.co.uk stating the grounds on which they are made by 4th February 2011.

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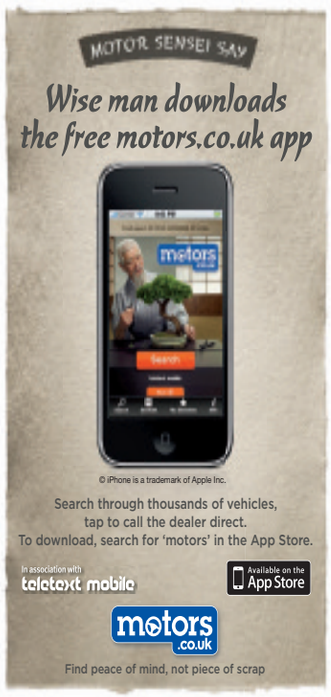

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7	Walsall	A	2-1
10	Dag & Red H (Carling Cup)	H	2-1
21	Carlisle	A	1-4
24	Blackpool (Carling Cup)	H	4-3
28	Swindon	H	2-1

September

4	Hartlepool	H	1-0
11	Brighton	A	0-2
15	Southampton	H	2-0
18	Rochdale	H	1-1
21	Birmingham (Carling Cup)	A	1-3
25	Peterborough	A	1-2
28	Charlton	A	0-1

October

2	Colchester	H	1-1
5	Charlton (JPT)	H	1-2
9	Dag & Red	H	2-0
16	Bournemouth	A	2-3
23	Exeter	H	1-0
30	Tranmere	A	2-4

November

2	Yeovil	H	3-2
6	Stevenage (FAC)	A	0-0
13	Brentford	A	2-0
16	Stevenage (FAC) (Stevenage win 7-6 on penalties)	H	1-1
20	Sheff Wed	H	1-4
23	Huddersfield	A	1-4

December

11	Notts County	A	0-2
28	Bournemouth	H	2-0

January

1	Bristol Rovers	H	2-0
3	Yeovil	A	0-1
8	Exeter	A	1-1
15	Tranmere	H	
18	Plymouth	H	
22	Dag & Red	A	
29	Leyton Orient	H	

February

2	Bristol Rovers	A
5	Sheff Wed	A
12	Brentford	H
19	Hartlepool	A
26	Brighton	H

March

5	Rochdale	A
8	Charlton	H
12	Colchester	A
19	Peterborough	H
26	Walsall	H

April

2	Southampton	A
9	Carlisle	H
16	Swindon	A
22	Huddersfield	H
25	Plymouth	A
30	Notts County	H

May

7	Oldham	A

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MK Dons assistant manager JOHN GORMAN writes exclusively for MK NEWS every week

SATURDAY's draw at Exeter City was a great team performance and a big improvement from our previous game against Yeovil.

They had to score a well-worked goal to get past our defence and after that they only had one more real chance, whereas we had between six and eight.

One pleasing thing was that our passing was back to its best on a bad pitch, and with our next away game being against Dagenham & Redbridge then we can be confident we will be able to do the same there.

It's frustrating that we have not picked up more points away from home as we could be right up there in the play-off places, but we have gone into every game trying to win.

Jabo Ibhere got the equaliser for us after coming on as a substitute and it was good for him to get his first league goal of the season. He has been a great team player so far and deserves it.

What's also good at present is seeing the young players like Adam Chicksen and Daniel Powell coming into the first team and performing.

We've got a small squad, so it is important for us to be bringing these youngsters through.

Along with that, we have sent Tom Flanagan and Charlie Collins out on loan to Kettering Town and they will only benefit from the experience.

Our next two games are at home and there is no reason why we should not be feeling confident.

We lost 4-2 at Tranmere earlier in the season and that's one that we've got to put right.

With things being so close in the table as well, all it takes is someone to put a run together to start breaking away from the pack.

Our last home loss against Sheffield Wednesday came at a bad time for us as it was on the back of our midweek FA Cup replay with Stevenage that went to extra time and penalties.

But with our recent form things are looking good and we have given ourselves a chance of at least reaching the play-offs.

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

		P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Brighton	22	7	4	0	23	8	5	3	3	16	9	22	43
2	Bournemouth	23	9	1	2	31	10	2	5	4	13	15	19	39
3	Southampton	22	7	3	3	23	9	4	1	4	14	11	17	37
4	Huddersfield	23	7	2	3	19	10	4	1	6	16	18	7	36
5	Charlton	22	5	3	3	13	15	4	4	3	24	18	4	34
6	Sheff Wed	22	6	2	3	16	7	4	1	6	18	15	12	33
7	Peterborough	21	7	1	3	30	24	3	2	5	13	18	1	33
8	MK Dons	23	8	2	1	18	9	2	1	9	12	25	-4	33
9	Oldham	21	5	5	1	18	10	3	3	4	14	17	5	32
10	Hartlepool	21	4	2	3	17	20	5	3	4	9	9	-3	32
11	Rochdale	22	4	4	2	18	14	4	3	5	15	15	4	31
12	Colchester	21	4	6	2	19	19	3	4	2	11	11	0	31
13	Brentford	22	4	2	4	11	14	5	2	5	15	13	-1	31
14	Plymouth	23	5	4	4	17	17	3	2	5	12	18	-6	30
15	Exeter	23	5	4	2	22	16	3	2	7	12	25	-7	30
16	Notts County	21	7	0	4	17	11	2	2	6	13	18	1	29
17	Carlisle	21	5	4	3	18	13	2	3	4	11	11	5	28
18	Swindon	23	5	3	4	16	17	2	4	5	20	23	-4	28
19	Leyton Orient	21	5	2	2	15	10	2	4	6	16	23	-2	27
20	Tranmere	22	4	3	5	15	19	3	2	5	12	16	-8	26
21	Yeovil	22	4	2	4	14	16	2	3	7	9	20	-13	23
22	Bristol Rovers	21	3	2	4	9	15	2	5	5	16	24	-14	22
23	Dag & Red	22	2	4	4	10	14	2	2	8	13	24	-15	18
24	Walsall	22	3	0	7	10	19	2	3	7	12	23	-20	18

MK Dons players move in to congratulate Jabo Ibhere (right) after his opening league goal won an away point for Dons

Jabo's opener nets away point for Dons

THE work ethic of goal hero Jabo Ibehre was hailed by his manager after the striker finally got his league tally for the season up-and-running with a header that ended MK Dons' dismal away record on Saturday.

The 1-1 draw against Exeter City also ensured a record of their own stayed intact as Dons have never been beaten by the Grecians.

In the end it was a super-sub contribution that ensured Karl Robinson's side didn't add to their worst away record in the division by seeing the column marked defeated enter double figures.

"I'm made up for Jabo getting that goal," said boss Robinson. "He's a wonderful man and a pleasure to work with.

"He deserves that goal for the amount of work he puts in. The fans love him because he loves it here and wants to play here.

"I'm trying to build a team with Jabo and Didi that have got passion, desire and a willingness to throw their bodies in the way.

"Jabo is one of them."

The 73rd minute header capped off a wonderful riposte to a lacklustre showing in their 1-0 defeat to Yeovil Town at Huish Park the match before.

And a fighting spirit came to the fore as Dons had slipped behind to an audaciously taken goal from evergreen hitman Jamie Cureton in the eighth minute.

It could have been worse for the visitors as the Exeter goalscorer had already been denied by Dons keeper David Martin and Richard Logan had squandered a headed chance at the back stick.

But Dons had their chances after falling behind as Sam Baldock was narrowly wide after the Grecians had taken the lead, steering a cross across the face of goal and inches past the back post.

In the second half Daniel Powell rifled a shot from the edge of the area past the post, while keeper Paul Jones kept Baldock at bay.

City substitute John O'Flynn should have made Dons pay for not taking their chances when he was slipped through but he got his angles fractionally wrong and slid a shot past the post when he only had Martin to beat.

However, Ibehre showed him how it's done when he angled a header into the bottom corner only two minutes after replacing Powell.

Robinson was pleased with the difference in performace from their nightmare in Somerset five days previously.

"I think it should have been much more. We created so many chances," he said. "It's amazing how you can go from Yeovil last week to what we saw here – it's night and day.

"I felt we played the ball well and made it very difficult for a really good team. It's a really tough place to come to get a result and I felt we dominated a lot of the game.

"I'm disappointed that we only came away with a point, but pleased at the same time because this is a tough place to come and if you'd offered me a point before the game, I'd probably have taken it."

COMING UP

Tranmere
League One
stadiummk
Saturday, January 15

DONS return to Buckinghamshire for the first stadiummk double-header this weekend as Karl Robinson's side welcome Les Parry's side to town.

The two sides find their ambitions set at different ends of the table as Dons are now within touching distance of a play-off place, while Tranmere are four points off the drop zone.

Nevertheless, this will be a revenge mission for Dons as they look to reverse the 4-2 defeat they suffered at Prenton Park in October when an Ian Thomas-Moore brace helped sink them.

Head-to-head form weighs in Dons favour as they have won five, while Rovers have only won three of the contests between the two sides, with only one draw.

Plymouth
League One
stadiummk
Tuesday, January 18

PETER Reid's Pilgrims will bring his team to stadiummk for the two sides' first ever meeting between each other.

Albion were relegated from the Championship last season and they've found things tricky in the third tier this term.

Their recent form has been similar to Tranmere as they have won, lost and drawn in their last three contests.

Yet it shows the closeness of the division that they are six positions behind Dons but only three points further back.

Before they travel to Buckinghamshire they pay a visit to promotion chasing Huddersfield and Dons will hope that the Terriers will give them a mauling to soften them up for their meeting.

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New boy Blaz on fire for a determined Lightning

NEW signing Blaz Emersic made an impressive debut as MK Lightning made a barnstorming start to 2011 with a dominant 4-0 home rout of local rivals Peterborough Phantoms on Saturday and then a 5-0 thrashing of Guilford Flames on the road the following night.

At Planet Ice on the first night of the double header the hosts side looked by far the more composed, playing an effective and confident passing game with netminder Barry Hollyhead in top form to deny the Phantoms a single goal, despite their shot count only just lagging behind Lightning's.

Monir Kalgoum continued his recovery from a shoulder injury handing Emersic his home debut in front of another healthy Milton Keynes attendance, while the imposing Slovenian was quick to make his mark, working with Adam Brittle to set up Andre Smulter for Lightning's first goal in the 14th mintue.

That goal was still being announced when player-coach Nick Poole pounced to score an unassisted goal only 23 seconds later.

Lightning looked easily the more competent and determined side all evening, capitalising on Peterborough's hesitance. And as if to illustrate MK's dominance, Smulter scored the team's second unassisted goal just after the half hour mark as the home side stretched their legs.

Lightning's new signing Blaz Emersic joins in the celebrations as they cruise to a 4-0 win over Peterborough Phantoms Pic Jez Tibbetts

By the final period Milton Keynes were well into their stride and rarely looked threatened by Peterborough's forward lines.

Two powerplays saw the Phantoms briefly run MK close but ultimately fail to take advantage, when Lukas Zatopek and then Matt Towalski were sent to the penalty box.

As Towalski made his way off the ice with less than two minutes left to play, Peterborough called a time-out then withdrew their netminder Stephen Wall in an attempt to put pressure on Lightning. But the move backfired when a long range Adam Carr shot found its way into the empty opposition net, putting the result absolutely beyond doubt.

Lightning ended the evening deserved winners and headed to Guildford on Sunday and went one better by winning 5-0 against the Flames.

MK were two goals to the good by the three minute mark at the Guilford Spectrum and a Lukas Zatopek point shot eluded Miroslav Hala with 85 seconds gone to effectively win the contest.

Brittle then capitalised on a loose pass from the hosts to break on his own and find the net.

But the Flames regrouped and held Lightning at bay past the end of the second period before the visitors piled on the misery.

Four minutes into the final period Emersic netted his first goal for the club before Matt Towalski added the fourth just over five minutes later.

Then, in the 51st minute, Smulter rubbed salt on the Flames' wound with the fifth goal of the night and his third of the weekend.

Gulf in quality apparent as Lions go down to top two

BASKETBALL

MK LIONS suffered a north west nightmare in the British Basketball League Championship at the weekend with defeats to Mersey Tigers and then a heartbreaking two-point slump to Cheshire Jets.

It was always going to be tough against the league's top two teams and against the leaders on Saturday the gulf in quality was rather more obvious as Tigers ran out 90-70 winners.

Things didn't get off to the best of starts as Lions couldn't hand a first start to new signing Demarius Bolds due to delays in his International clearance.

Nevertheless, it was Mike New's men who exploded out of the blocks led by the rejuvenated Stefan Gill. The Lions opened up a six point lead as Gill and Kris Clarke ran past their opponents in the first quarter.

A stunning slam dunk by the diminutive Gill over the Giant Tafari Toney was the highlight as the visitors took the first quarter 24-25.

The second quarter was more of the same. Despite Lions big men getting into early foul trouble, Yorick Williams and Anthony Haase kept the score board ticking and it was only with a long hopeful attempt that cannoned off the backboard into the basket by Andy Thompson that the Tigers were able to enter half time with a 43-39 lead.

Tony Garbelotto watched his team shrug off that sluggish start to put in a powerful 25-10 third quarter performance which broke the game. Firstly Travis Nelson picked up his fourth and with him and Shawn Myers scoring just two points in the first half the load was getting too much for the|Lions back court. Good scoring from Andrew Sullivan solidified the performance as the home side led 68-49 at the end of three with Lions in foul trouble everywhere.

The fourth period was only ten seconds old when Nelson fouled out and it looked a long way back for the visitors. Gill nailed a triple followed by Williams but that was as much as the Lions could do. Teenagers Connor Washington and Jack Thompson came off the bench to hit but the hosts won well 90-70.

■ IT was with a late, late show that Lions lost out 108-106 a day later to Jets.

The hosts trailed by six with 70 seconds remaining but Jeremy Bell knocked down two threes on his way to 41 points and Colin O'Reilly scored the crucial basket to keep Cheshire second in the division.

At the end of a high scoring first quarter Lions were left trailing 32-25, but Cheshire increased their advantage by half time at 59-51.

The third quarter saw the feisty Stefan Gill come to life, hitting seven unanswered and forcing a Jets time out. The visitors finally got their reward in this quarter. Jets led 78-71 but some fine play by Nelson and Kris Clarke cut in the lead until Gill put Lions in front 83-85 with a three. However a fifth foul on Clarke saw Bell split a pair of free throws to send the teams into the final quarter with Lions leading 85-84.

Lions saw Anthony Haase nail a three and Nelson continue to destroy the Northgate ring with dunks and they looked in control when Yorick Williams made it 100-106, but an O'Reilly bucket and free throw and a three by Bell tied the game at 106 with 28 seconds remaining. Gill ran the clock down and attacked, his shot was knocked loose setting up O'Reilly for the dagger shot with three seconds remaining. Coach New called time out and drew up a play for Gill and his three hit the rim and bounced loose to confirm Lions' second defeat in a row.

Yet the boss was positive about his side's progress, saying: "We are beginning to get going. The spirit is good, games are coming thick and fast and once Bolds gets on the floor we will be even better."

League leaders prove too tough

RUGBY

Bletchley 14 Maidenhead 18

BLETCHLEY made a losing bonus point start to their New Year as they got back to South West One (East) action after an extended break.

Adverse weather conditions and then the Christmas period meant that they had only played once since they beat Reading 22-13 on November 20, so this reintroduction to action was always going to be a tough task against the league leaders.

Maidenhead have only lost three games so far this season and Bletchley had lost 32-10 in Berkshire in September. But, with home advantage, the local side were still very confident of getting a winning result.

Nevertheless, the side that took the field were strong and helped by the return of captain Carl Miller who had been out for a number of weeks due to work commitments and his performance on the day showed how important he is to the side in the flanker position.

Bletchley kicked off and immediately put pressure on Maidenhead, with the Watling Street outfit taking an early 6-0 lead through two penalties from Phil Harman.

In contrast, the visitors missed a goal attempt of their own, while Bletchley's fly-half extended the lead with his third successful kick.

For the next few minutes, possession was swapped between the two sides but the ball eventually went out to big home inside centre Tim Stobbs to power through, although he was pulled down and a penalty was awarded to the visitors, which they took.

After Harman missed his first goal attempt of the match, Maidenhead came straight back at Bletchley, winning a line-out and producing a driving maul, which allowed them to score in the corner. The conversion was missed so Bletchley went in at the break one point ahead, but not before a Maidenhead player was given a red.

Despite being a man down in the second half, Maidenhead appeared more eager to take the game to Bletchley, forcing them to concede penalties.

Fifteen minutes in, they drove over the line for their second try, which was converted to make the score 15-9 and put Bletchley behind for the first time.

A penalty put Maidenhead further ahead before Bletchley were reduced to 14 men.

But from a ruck situation with ten minutes to go Harman, acting as scrum half, chipped the ball over the top for flanker Matt Nobes to score. The conversion was missed but with Bletchley now only four points behind they went looking for the winner, but it wasn't to be.

■ This Saturday, Bletchley are away to Wimborne.

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Coach New stays positive despite losses – see page 75

Sam Baldock chips over a cross

Michael McIndoe hits a shot against Exeter

Robinson hopes to have turned the corner with draw at Exeter

KARL Robinson is hoping that the 1-1 draw at Exeter City shows that his MK Dons side have turned the corner and will now be able to find some consistency.

The point saw them stop the rot of nine defeats out of 12 on the road and, in such a nip-and-tuck division as League One, put them level on points with Sheffield Wednesday, who occupy the last play-off spot.

Striker Jabo Ibehre ensured a share of the spoils when he headed the leveller – his first of the season – with virtually his first touch soon after coming on as substitute in the 71st minute.

That goal cancelled out Jamie Cureton's sublime chip which gave the hosts an early lead, but after surviving an early barrage, Dons looked far more comfortable than seven days previous when they'd gone down apologetically 1-0 at strugglers Yeovil Town.

"We created many chances and everything we tried worked," said Robinson.

"It's amazing how we can go from how we were at Yeovil last week to how we played here. It's night and day. We are a League One team and you expect inconsistent performances. The most important thing is that you work hard.

"In the Yeovil game, we didn't give up. We just didn't play well and didn't retain the ball. In this game we did.

"Exeter is a tough place to come but I think we did really well.

"I think we have turned the corner, but once you have turned the corner you have to keep it going. We can't relax, we have to keep doing the right things."

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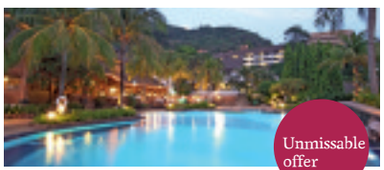

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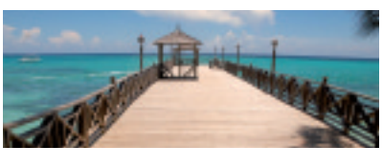

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